

Deaths feared in rioting at World Cup

From John Carlin, Mexico City

The World Cup fiesta turned sour yesterday as a good-natured Mexican victory celebration gave way to vicious rioting.

Mexican fans and police clashed early yesterday morning in the centre of the Mexican capital, leaving nearly 200 people reported injured and unconfirmed reports that some may have died.

Two Scottish fans caught in the melee claimed to have seen five people lying dead by the roadside. A Mexican Red Cross worker said he believed two people had been killed.

Police were reported as saying that 45 people were taken to hospital. I saw 20 people bleeding, concussed and badly bruised in the emergency ward of the Red Cross central hospital at three in the morning yesterday.

All were victims either of police clubbings or of a violent sector among the Mexican fans, who started hurling bottles both at the police and indiscriminately among a packing crowd of several thousand.

A nurse at the Red Cross hospital said an Italian youth had been knifed in the stomach and was in serious condition.

Scottishman Mr Kenneth Robertson said: "I'm going on the next plane home. Forget about the football. It doesn't matter any more to me. What happened here was brutal, absolutely brutal," claiming that he had seen five bodies, that they had been covered in blankets, by the roadside.

As I spoke to Mr Robertson, a dozen youths behind us screamed out obscenities against Mrs Thatcher and the Queen, and shouted at us "English" to "go to hell".

The trouble started on Tuesday after a cheerful celebration of Mexico's 2-1 first round victory against Belgium. Shortly after the game ended, thousands of flag-waving, trumpet-blowing Mexican fans started rallying around the Monument of Independence, Mexico City's traditional footballing victory totem.

The score was POLICE 200, others 5...

Shades of Shergar: Shahrastani powers to victory in the Derby (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Favourites have mixed fortunes

By Alan Hamilton

There were two challenges to the favourites at the 207th Derby at Epsom yesterday.

Districts 'gagged' over health chief

By Richard Evans and Nicholas Timmins

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday insisted it was "business as usual" in the National Health Service.

Questioned in the Commons on Mr Paige's departure he resisted opposition taunts aimed at persuading him to disclose the reasons for Mr Paige leaving, saying he had published in full the exchange of letters.

But Mr Frank Dobson, Labour health spokesman, said Mr Fowler's comments raised more questions than they answered.

Channon to order competition study

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government will announce today that it is to conduct an important review of Britain's competition policy.

At present, the important bodies for looking after competition policy are the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Channon is understood to be particularly concerned about the length of time taken over OFT investigations and the apparent paradox of referrals to the Monopolies Commission being, in effect, decisions that takeovers are to be blocked.

Pretoria bans Soweto memorial rallies

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's Law and Order Minister, Mr Louis Le Grange, last night banned until the end of the month all gatherings commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Soweto uprising of the adoption in 1955 of the Freedom Charter.

Amri-sar marking the second anniversary of Operation Bluestar, the army assault on the terrorist fortress in the temple.

The focus for their anger was the police raid on the temple at the end of April, when the extremists' grip on the holy shrine was prized loose under the orders of the Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala.

Sikh temple mob murders guard

From Michael Hamlyn Amritsar

The marble paving of the Golden Temple of Amritsar was again stained with blood last night as a mob of extremists stabbed to death a temple guard during a witch-hunt for undercover policemen.

The mob was led by Mrs Birna Khalsa, widow of Inspector Beant Singh, Mrs Indira Gandhi's assassin. It followed a day of angry protests by the militant Sikhs.

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Christie's face damages claim equal to its assets

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's, the fine art auctioneers, face a claim for damages roughly equivalent to its total assets, about £33 million, for giving bad advice to an art investment fund.

The claim by Crystallina SA, a Panama based group, was dismissed by the New York Supreme Court last year but has been reinstated after an appeal.

The facts of the case, as summarized in the Supreme Court judgement, provide a raw behind-the-scenes view of how an auction house operates in obtaining goods for sale and presenting them to the public.

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Dollar 'low enough'

The world's leading central bankers believe that the dollar has fallen far enough and that exchange rates over the short term must be stabilized at approximately present levels.

Central bankers at the high-level conference of international bankers in Boston: "Intervention in exchange rates from time to time cannot be excluded".

Central bankers from the United States, Britain, Japan and Belgium also emphasized the need for stability.

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Thatcher will fight for CAP reform to ward off 'world trade war'

By Edward Townsend

The Government is to take advantage of Britain's forthcoming presidency of the European Commission to campaign for a significant restructuring of the Common Agricultural Policy, which, it was claimed yesterday, could soon be the cause of a renewed world trade war.

The onslaught on the CAP was announced by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said that the Government's priorities for Europe were to secure a genuine internal market, and to rid the EEC of the massive distortions caused by agricultural subsidies.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is to assume the Presidency in July for six months and has signalled her aim to launch a Europe-wide job-creation campaign, based on freeing the labour market and promoting enterprise and self-employment by cutting red tape and bureaucracy.

Mr Lawson, speaking at the monthly meeting of the National Economic Development Council, said that the agricultural issue created problems for primary producing countries and led to a real risk of an agricultural trade war, which could spill over to a world trade war.

The stand over CAP received the support of the TUC, with Mr Bill Jordan, the new president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, describing the policy as "a sick and expensive joke in a world of starving people".

A Treasury paper presented to the council said that one of the main problems facing the commission was that its budget remained dominated by the CAP, which consumed 70 per cent of finances.

Agriculture was heavily subsidized in other important industrialized countries. In 1985, \$11 billion (£14 billion) was spent in the United States on agricultural subsidies. In Japan in 1984 the figure was \$11.8 billion (£7.8 billion). Last year the commission budget contained \$15 billion for agricultural subsidies and could be as high as \$22 billion this year, the paper said.

"In all these industrialized countries these subsidies are damaging the public finances and represent considerable misallocation of resources. They also damage agricultural production elsewhere through their impact on world markets, such as causing excessively low world market prices and structural imbalances."

The Treasury paper added that one particular consequence of the protected position of agriculture in the EEC and US was the threat of a renewed trade war over US exports to Spain and Portugal.

"The Tokyo economic summit emphasized the importance of resisting and reversing protectionism and strengthening the multilateral trading systems. There are not, as yet unfortunately, enough signs that the US is taking this commitment seriously."



Councillor Sammy Wilson, the new Lord Mayor of Belfast, with Miss Rhonda Paisley, eldest daughter of the Rev Ian Paisley, who is to be his Lady Mayoress for his year in office. She will accompany him at civic and ceremonial occasions.

Mr Wilson, aged 33, a former economics teacher, who is separated from his wife, Michelle, is the youngest Lord Mayor in the city's history and the first to come from the ranks of the Democratic Unionist Party, of which Miss Paisley, aged 26, a fellow councillor, is also a member. Both have been in the forefront of protests against the Anglo Irish agreement and have said they will not attend any function organized by people who support the agreement during their year in office.

Rag attack case put before Baker

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The law lecturer attacked by five students at North Essex London Polytechnic as part of a rag week stunt had her case referred last night to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Miss Pamela Symes is in constant pain and unable to work two months after the attack last term. The four students - Brendan Crossley, Anthony Whittaker, Peter Sowerby and Colin Roxburgh - were given formal reprimands by Mr Gerry Fowler, the polytechnic's rector, and the students' union was fined £200.

Last night, Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP for Cambridge, in whose constituency Miss Symes lives, discussed the matter with Mr Baker, and said: "It was not just a job that got out of hand but something much more malevolent than that."

Mr Rhodes James said that he thought the students should have been suspended by the polytechnic.

Miss Symes, who uses her professional name but is married to Dr Hew Strachan, dean of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, is receiving regular physiotherapy treatment for a whiplash injury to her back. She is also suffering from a damaged nerve in her arm.

She has written to the police asking them to take criminal proceedings against her assailants. Miss Symes says that criminal assault should be acknowledged for what it is and that the injuries she suffered should not be offset by the fact that the incident took place in rag week.

Det Inspector David Morgan, head of CID at Barking police station, said he had not received the letter.

● The Government announced yesterday that it would give parents and governors the right to appeal against an education authority's decision to reinstate an expelled pupil, in the Education Bill going through Parliament.

The measure would prevent disputes such as the "graffiti" affair at Poundswick High School in Manchester, in which 18 teachers went sent home without pay for refusing to teach five pupils reinstated by Manchester City Council.

Schools are unprepared and underfunded for the new GCSE examination to be introduced in September, according to a survey by the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations sent to Mr Baker.

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Royal date for Mrs Reagan

By a Staff Reporter

Mrs Nancy Reagan will attend the wedding of Prince Andrew to Miss Sarah Ferguson on July 23, as a "friend of the Royal Family", but President Reagan has not been invited because he is a head of State, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

A spokesman confirmed reports from the White House that Mrs Reagan had received a formal invitation as well as a handwritten note from the Prince asking her to attend.

Mrs Reagan's press secretary said the issue of terrorism, which has kept many American tourists away from Britain this summer, had not deterred her, but it had not been decided how long she would stay in London.

Buckingham Palace said invitations were going out to 1,800 guests, including members of foreign royal families, EEC and Nato ambassadors and leading members of the Government. The guests will attend the ceremony at Westminster Abbey and then go to a wedding lunch at Buckingham Palace.

Fire at News International plant 'deliberately lighted'

By Gavin Bell

Police and fire officers investigating the £7 million blaze at a News International newspaper plant in south-east London are now certain that it was started deliberately.

Det Insp Brian Morris, second in command of the inquiry, confirmed yesterday that the fire was being treated as arson. However, there had been no breakthrough so far.

A source close to the investigation said that several petrol cans caps and pouring devices and the remains of rags and matches had been found on the floor of the warehouse, where 9,240 tonnes of newsprint were destroyed on Monday night.

The source said: "The evidence is fairly clear. These are not the kind of items one would expect to find lying around a paper store."

Trade unions embroiled in the bitter 18-week dispute with News International have angrily rejected suggestions that their members were involved. The company has offered a £50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspected arsonists.

A confidential preliminary fire brigade report on the fire, which also destroyed the 100 square-metre warehouse, a lorry and trailers, has been sent to detectives. A London Fire Brigade spokesman said: "We have a good idea how the fire started."

Police have taken statements from two women living near the Deptford storage depot who said they saw men throwing objects into the warehouse immediately before it erupted in flames.

The huge rolls of tightly packed newsprint were still smouldering two days after the fire was brought under control, and fire officers expected they would be dumping it down until next week.

Mr Stuart Renton, company secretary of the News International subsidiary which runs the depot, said its customers were receiving scheduled deliveries from other warehouses at the site. About 500 tonnes went to the News International plant at Wapping, east London, yesterday. About 75 per cent of the destroyed newsprint was destined for other national and provincial newspaper groups throughout Britain.

The attack coincided with a ballot of more than 4,000 members of the print union, Sogat 82, on a settlement offer that includes a £50 million redundancy package. The result is due to be announced on Friday, the deadline set by News International for acceptance of the offer.

The national council of the NGA, the other main print union involved, was meeting yesterday to discuss its response.

● The Prime Minister yesterday condemned violence on the Wapping picket lines and the "humbung" of political opponents who condoned the tactics which caused it (Philip Webster writes).

Addressing the Conservative women's conference in London, Mrs Thatcher said: "We deplore the humbug of some of our political opponents who, though they condemn violence, condone the tactics, the demonstrations, the picket lines which inevitably lead to violence, as they have done in Wapping."

● A Bristol University student who attended the Wapping dispute to write a report for his student newspaper admitted in Thames court yesterday that he had hit a police horse and its rider with a stick.

William Anderson, aged 20, of St John's Lane, Bedminster, Bristol, who also admitted using threatening behaviour, was fined a total of £40 and bound over in the sum of £50 for a year.

Michael Wood, aged 21, an accounts clerk, of Hobart Gardens, Thornton Heath, south London, denied a charge of kicking a police horse, also on May 11, and was bailed until June 11.

● A verdict of accidental death was recorded at St Pancras coroner's court yesterday on Sarah Johnston, aged three, daughter of a dismissed News International print worker, who was attending a meeting of The Times clerical chapel at Congress House, the TUC headquarters, on March 14 when she fell 13ft to her death through railings.

Tory women's conference Lawson says tax cut to 25% is within sight

By Sheila Guna, Political Staff

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, reaffirmed yesterday his intention to cut taxes to 25 per cent, which, he said, was within the Government's sights if the economy was handled prudently.

Mr Lawson, along with the Prime Minister and Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, is a strong advocate of tax cuts and against any relaxation of public spending restraints.

Speaking at the Conservative women's conference in Westminster, London, he said the Government was "not afraid of radical reform". His tax policies had two objectives: reduction and reform.

"Our record is good but not good enough," he said. "We have brought the basic rate down from 33 per cent to 29 per cent, the lowest since the war. The lowest so far, that is."

He said the real value of the married man's allowance was the highest since the war. He added that the Exchequer now took £8 billion less in income tax than under the last Labour government.

"But there is still more to do. We are only half way to a basic rate of 25 per cent. Too many people come into tax at too low a level of income."

He added: "If the tax burden is to be further reduced the first need is to keep firm control over public expenditure, as we have done."

"The second is to use the resources we hope will be available in the future to the best possible effect."

This is the second speech in as many days in which he has openly campaigned for lower taxation and against those in the Cabinet who are fighting for more spending.

Delegates applauded him but he was not given a standing ovation.

Mr Lawson devoted most of his speech yesterday to the proposed reform of personal taxation, which was warmly welcomed. He hoped the new system of transferable allowances would be brought in during the next Parliament.

He said his aims were to:

- give married women the same privacy and independence in tax matters as their husbands;
- not to discriminate against marriage; and
- to cut the taxes of low income families.



Mr Lawson says: "Our record is not good enough."

Chernobyl reaction criticized Mothers to receive family cash

The reaction of opponents of the Government to the Chernobyl disaster had been the "height of irresponsibility", Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.

He criticized the nuclear policies of the opposition parties, claiming that they were dictated partly by electoral opportunism and partly by constituency pressures.

In a debate in which all speakers praised the nuclear industry, a motion was passed unanimously calling on the Government to counter "the vast quantity of misinformation" about the industry put out by the media.

Mr Walker said that when the report on plans to build a second nuclear power station at Sizewell, Suffolk, were published, the Government would have to convince the public that decisions were taken with great responsibility and a deep desire to see there was total safety.

Earlier, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that he had "no intention of going back on any predecessors' commitment to the protection of Green Belt from large-scale development".

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, is to back down under pressure to pay the new family credit direct to mothers rather than through the pay packet.

He is to announce later this summer exactly how family credit, which will give extra help to 200,000 poor families, will be paid. The change, disclosed yesterday at the Conservative women's conference, was warmly welcomed by representatives.

Mr Fowler said: "We are looking again carefully at the precise mechanism of payment. But about the objective there is no debate. Family credit will give direct help to an extra 300,000 working families in this country."

He added that there was no question of the Government turning its back on child benefit being paid, as now, to the mother.

During the conference debate on health, speakers welcomed Mr Fowler's reform of the social security system, but there was some concern about plans to give less help on mortgages to the unemployed.

Mr Fowler strongly defended the reforms contained in the Social Security Bill, which is going through Parliament, and the Government's attitude towards the welfare state.

"This party's commitment is clear," he said. "It is for the provision of first-class services in a first-class country. That is our objective for this generation and for our children."

He attacked Labour's freedom and fairness campaign, stating it was a Labour government which stoked up inflation to 27 per cent, twice took the pensioners' Christmas bonus, and cut back on hospital building.

Mr Fowler promised to crack down on social security "scroungers", including those in the hippie peace convoy.

Sport Aid raises £5m

More than £5 million has so far been raised in Britain by the Race Against Time on May 23, the Sport Aid organization announced yesterday.

A spokesman said that about £800,000 had been promised by credit card holders and the rest had been given or collected by the one million people who took part.

The spokesman said that dozens of sports events were being planned this summer to raise money for famine relief in Africa, including a volleyball marathon, fishing contests and a sponsored parachute jump.

Hundreds of schools would hold special sports days under the slogan, "School Aid."

Cheap loans

Staffordshire County Council has negotiated loans of £13 million with the European Investment Bank at below the customary rate of interest for local authorities, saving £65,000 a year for 20 years.

Anglo-Thai Times overseas
 Australia \$2.75; Canada \$2.75; France Fr 9.00; Germany DM 4.00; Greece Dr 180; Holland Gld 3.60; India Rs 15; Italy Lit 1,700; Japan Yen 170; New Zealand \$2.00; Norway Kr 100; Pakistan Rs 16; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore S\$ 1.50; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland Sfr 5.00; Taiwan NT\$ 30; USA \$1.75; Yugoslavia Din 400.

Postmen start to clear 10m items

By Robin Young

All 6,000 postal workers on strike or suspended during the postal dispute over new working practices returned to work yesterday and started to sort and deliver the 10 million items of delayed mail.

It is expected to take at least 10 days to clear the backlog in the worst affected areas around Leeds. Post boxes sealed during the dispute were being reopened yesterday. Normal deliveries were expected to resume throughout the Leeds region this morning.

The core of the peace settlement achieved after 19 hours of negotiations at the Post Office headquarters in London, concerned the Union of Communication Workers' demand for an extra 30 minutes a day in tea breaks in return for an agreement on a new productivity scheme intended to save the Post Office £60 million a year.

More than half the efficiency savings were to go to postal workers in the form of a cash bonus, which at Leeds, where the scheme was introduced on a pilot basis, would amount to about £20 a week.

Under the new agreement postal workers joining the productivity scheme will be given the option of up to 1½ hours a week extra rest periods, but at no extra cost to the Post Office because the cost of the additional free time will be deducted from the cash bonus.

If workers decide to take the full 1½ hours extra rest period, their cash bonus will be reduced to £13 a week, the saving estimated to have been achieved by the substitution of contractual for voluntary overtime arrangements.

The Post Office had hoped to introduce the new working practices in a further 11 sorting centres within the next few weeks, but accepts that they will give consideration to people who help to identify excess profits and may pay them compensation.

This is likely to lead to MPs pressing for Government compensation to two former employees of Aish and Company, of Poole, Dorset.

The Ministry had recovered about £421,000 of excess profits made by Aish.

The two former employees are Mr James Smith, of Poole, and Mr D. W. Whitaker, of Broadstone, near Poole.

● Twenty-third Report of the Committee of Public Accounts, 1985-86: Progress costs of defence equipment (House of Commons paper No 56, Stationery Office: £5.60).

£700,000 saved on contracts

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

A committee of backbench members of Parliament yesterday decided that information about excess profits from two former employees of a defence contractor, had helped the Ministry of Defence save more than £700,000.

A report by the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons also notes that the Treasury and the Ministry of Defence have said that they will give consideration to people who help to identify excess profits and may pay them compensation.

Seamen's union leader too old for re-election

By a Staff Reporter

A senior left-wing official in the National Union of Seamen may lose his job because he is too old.

Under the rules no one over 60 can stand for election.

When Mr Slater was elected as the union's general secretary in 1962, it was "a job for life", and he would have stayed in office until the retirement age of 65.

The union's executive is to meet in Liverpool on Saturday to arrange a ballot for a general secretary and deputy general secretary.

A union official said later that it might decide to call a special rules revision conference to amend the age rule. If this happened Mr Slater could stand for re-election.

Under new union laws requiring the election of officials every five years, Mr Jim Slater, aged 62, the union's general secretary, is too old to stand for re-election.

The union's biennial conference in Liverpool decided by 41 votes to 23, against the advice of its national executive, to keep its leaders' voting rights. A vote the other way would have got round the need to stand for re-election.

Inquest jury visits police station

The jury at the inquest on Mark Hogg, an escaped prisoner, yesterday retraced his movements in the week before his death.

The inquest at Exeter, Devon, was adjourned for the morning so that the seven women and three men could be taken on a coach trip to Exeter prison and Yeovil police station.

Mr Philip Rutherford, aged 26, who escaped with Hogg, has alleged that he died from beatings by police and prison officers at the two buildings.

Hogg, aged 33, of Rotherhithe, east London, died of kidney failure in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, eight days after escaping from a prison van near Ilminster, Somerset, and being recaptured.

Hogg threatened to kill Mr Peter Burnham, a prison officer, during the escape attempt, the inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Burnham, who was in charge of the three-man escort, was hit over the head with handcuffs and lay face down in the aisle in a pool of blood, the jury was told. He recalled Hogg saying: "Knife the bastard. Kill him."

The inquest was adjourned until today.

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Spectator writer sued by millionairess over 'malicious attack'

A multi-millionairess who claims she was branded a "high-class tart" by a wealthy gossip columnist, is suing him for libel damages in the High Court.

Mrs Rosemarie Marcie-Riviere, aged 71, who was born in Switzerland and has been married five times, claims an article by Taki Theodoracopoulos in *The Spectator* in August 1982, made her out to be a "coarse and ill-mannered woman of loose sexual morals".

Mr Richard Hartley, QC, her counsel, told Mr Justice Otton and a jury of six men and six women yesterday that the article was a "cruel and malicious attack".

It was a "spiteful" attack on a woman who had known "great happiness and also experienced great sadness" in her life.

Mrs Marcie-Riviere seeks damages and aggravated damages from Mr Theodoracopoulos, the publishers of *The Spectator* and Mr Alexander Chancellor, its former editor. They are contesting the claim, pleading justification and that the article was true.

As Mr Hartley described to the court how Mrs Marcie-

Riviere, who lives at Saint Moritz, and has homes in Argentina and Greece, had met and married her husbands, she burst into tears, and was comforted by her fifth husband, Jean Pierre, whom she married in 1973.

Mr Hartley said that in 1978 Mrs Marcie-Riviere bought a house in Greece at Porto Heli, across from the island of Spetsai, and it was while living there that the alleged libels were written.

There was a malicious article by Mr Theodoracopoulos in September 1979, after a party she had given for 200 guests, "maybe because he had not been invited".

Then in September 1982 she received a "basty threatening letter" from Mr Theodoracopoulos, containing a copy of the article complained of. The letter referred to her husband as a "catamite", which according to the dictionary definition, meant a boy kept for unnatural purposes, for purposes of sexual perversion or homosexual purposes.

"One wonders if it was the product of a sick mind or just a very evil mind," Mr Hartley said.

"You may feel it is one of

the most vitriolic and loathsome articles you have ever read," he told the jury.

The writer referred to himself as Odysseus being taken in by a "geriatric Circe", a witch in Greek mythology. It referred to her as an ex-barkeeper, which she never was, and said one husband, Ernest Kanzier, obliged her by dying and leaving her his considerable fortune.

It referred to Mrs Marcie-Riviere as the "merry widow" with a pun on her name of "Masseuse-Merciere". It dubbed the party she gave as "the Pansy Ball" for "rich, white, homosexual trash", and said her friends had "always been the type for whom no humiliation is too shameful, no insult too wounding to endure in order to be with what they often mistakenly consider to be their superiors."

It said that her houses were always filled to the brim with climbers and parasites. Mr Theodoracopoulos had said that he had been invited to lunch at her house in Greece, but when he arrived in his yacht "her painted face sagged like a collapsed cake" and he was told to go.

He claimed it was a "cunning stunt" to insult him.

Mr Hartley said that there was no justification for any of the allegations, which were plainly defamatory, and Mrs Marcie-Riviere was contesting Mr Theodoracopoulos's counter claim for libel damages over an interview she gave to *Women's Wear Daily* in October 1982, in which she claimed his article was all lies. She denies saying that everything he writes is lies, and denies the interview was defamatory.

The hearing, which is expected to last two weeks, continues.



Mr Theodoracopoulos and Mrs Marcie-Riviere



Informal look for royal couple

Miss Sarah Ferguson, wearing a white dress with a picture of a prowling leopard on the back, arrived at Heathrow Airport yesterday looking tanned and happy after her short Caribbean holiday.

At the same time, the Post Office released 12p and 17p stamps featuring an informal photograph of Miss Ferguson and Prince Andrew, to commemorate the royal wedding.

The photograph, personally selected by the Prince and described as "impromptu", was taken by a friend, Mr Gene Norcon, aged 40, in a room at Windsor in the spring.

A Post Office spokesman said that the photograph, "one of Prince Andrew's own favourites", had not been re-touched.

Miss Ferguson, her hair loose, is displaying her ruby engagement ring. Prince Andrew is wearing a cream-coloured sweater and a grey-blue open-neck shirt.

His insignia as a Royal Navy lieutenant is featured on the 17p stamp, while the 12p version has two wedding bells.

The stamps, designed by Mr Jeffery Matthews, will go on sale on July 22, the day before the wedding at Westminster Abbey.

Damages claim for birth after sterilization

A mother who gave birth to a boy after being sterilized claimed damages in the High Court yesterday for the mental anguish and cost of bringing up the boy.

Mrs Phyllis Gold, aged 39, and her husband had three daughters and had decided their family was complete after the birth of their child, Nicholas, in August 1979.

Her counsel, Mr Charles Lewis, said she went to the North Middlesex hospital in 1981, where sterilization was suggested and the day after still live at Larkfield Avenue, Harold's Cross, Dublin.

Mrs Gold claims damages from Haringey Health Authority, responsible for the hospital, who deny negligence. The hearing continues today.

MP angry at holiday ordeal

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A Conservative MP yesterday demanded a crackdown on tour operators after returning to Britain from a "nightmare holiday littered with broken pledges and promises".

Mr Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, went to Tenerife with his wife Alison, who is five months pregnant, and Francesca, their daughter aged 20 months, after being attracted by a family holiday offer from a London travel company.

"Nothing that was promised in the brochure occurred. It was a nightmare and I have sent the firm a very strong letter," he said.

"The whole basis on which the holiday was sold was that there would be a kiddies representative to look after the children for two hours in the morning and a special baby patrol in the evening.

Mr Hayes said he and his wife were "dumped" in their resort at 5 a.m., given a map and told to find their own way to their apartment. When they found it there was a cot outside which would not go into the room because it was too large. The mattress was covered in old excrement, he said.

A spokesman for Falcon Holidays, of Notting Hill Gate, west London, confirmed last night that it would be carrying out an urgent investigation into Mr Hayes's complaints and would offer compensation if his criticisms were correct.

Rider killed on TT circuit

Eugene McDonnell, a motor mechanic, aged 24, from Port Glencoe, Co Londonderry, Northern Ireland, was killed instantly in yesterday's junior 250cc TT race on the Isle of Man when he hit a stray horse at 100mph at Ballaugh Bridge. The horse was also killed.

He was the third rider to die in the TT races this year.

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Warning to jury in bombing trial

A jury was urged yesterday not to find an alleged IRA bomb plotter, Peter Sherry, "guilty by association".

Mr Stephen Solley, for Sherry, aged 30, said at the Central Criminal Court that such a conviction would be a "terrifying path for an English jury to take".

Mr Sherry is accused with four others, including Patrick Magee - who also faces the allegation that he caused the bombing at the Grand Hotel, Brighton - with conspiring to carry out a bombing campaign in 16 London and seaside locations last summer.

The jury has been told the five were caught "redhanded" when detectives raided a flat in Glasgow last June.

Mr Solley, making his closing speech on the twentieth day of the trial, said that if the police raid at Langside Road, Glasgow, had occurred one hour and 40 minutes earlier, they would not have known of Sherry's existence. There was

no evidence to link him with an arms and bomb cache found at James Gray Street near by.

There is some vague allegation that because he happened to be there by a complete fluke when the police came, that in some way he must have been guilty of this grave crime.

He said that Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, had spent only eight minutes of his closing speech dealing with Mr Sherry. "In the context of the gravity of the crime we say it is an outrage that Sherry's case has been so glossed over by the prosecution."

Mr Solley also accused the prosecution of "moving the goalposts" during the trial and trying to widen the allegations against him after the introduction of an allegedly "sensitive" note written on cigarette papers and found in his possession.

The trial continues today.

Letter by killer read to court

A man sentenced to life imprisonment for murder had described himself as an animal who deserved to be caged, Leicester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Paul Bestock, aged 19, a meat processor, of Blakesly Walk, Beaumont, Leys, Leicester, wrote to his girl friend after his arrest: "I think that I am an animal who should be prevented from ever being allowed to walk the streets again."

The court was told that Bestock had an unhealthy fascination for black magic, the occult and weapons. He was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure for murdering Caroline Osborne, aged 33, a pet beautician, in July 1983 when he was 16, and sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering Amanda Weedon, aged 21, a nurse, in April 1985.

Boys kept death a secret

Two boys who saw Leighton Jenkins, aged eight, fall to his death in a sewage tank, kept the catastrophe secret for nearly two weeks.

They were too frightened to tell anyone, the South Wales police said yesterday. The boys, aged nine and seven, tried to save their friend, but failed.

Hundreds of volunteers and police with dogs and a helicopter combed an area of more than 40 square miles for 11 days, searching for the boy, from Berws, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.

His body was found last weekend while a water board workman was carrying out routine maintenance at a sewage works, just 200 yards from the missing boy's home.

The two boys, who are not being named, were playing with Leighton on May 21 and got into the treatment works after climbing through a fence.

Macho London flops with Japanese

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Britain is losing out to France in the battle to woo Japanese tourists, because of London's "macho" image.

The free-spending visitors from the Far East, especially young Japanese women, are put off by what they see as the "excessive" masculinity of England's capital, preferring to spend their time in Paris, which they view as the cultural centre of Europe.

Household Carraby displays, London Bobbies - the traditional fayre of posters and brochures aimed at Japan - will be scrapped.

Instead there will be an emphasis on London's West End theatres and musicals such as *Cats* in order to highlight London's cultural potential. Fashion and stores such as Harrods will also be highlighted.

Last year 206,000 Japanese visited Britain and ministers are hoping for a 4 per cent increase this year. But Mr Trippier said: "The potential could be greater if we were to concentrate a little more on young Japanese women between the ages of 18 and 25 who, with the rise in the yen, are better off and who are coming in increasing numbers to the UK."

"None the less these women are still preferring to have a longer stay in Paris than they are in London. They think Paris is the cultural centre of Europe and London is too masculine."

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'Dr Death' changes his plea to guilty

A man charged with drugging and deceiving a number of elderly women yesterday changed his plea to guilty after several of his victims testified against him in the Central Criminal Court.

Sidney Noble, known as Dr Death, made the dramatic confession on the third day of his trial.

Noble, aged 57, bespectacled and slick-haired, showed no emotion as the judge warned him he was considering passing a sentence of life imprisonment "for these grave offences".

Judge Pigot, the Common Serjeant of London, remanded him in custody for medical reports.

He had been told that Noble conned his way throughout southern England last summer while on the run from a 10-year prison sentence for similar offences against old people.

Mr David Cocks, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Noble had a "unique imagination", posing as a doctor and adopting other bizarre guises.

Once in their home he mixed them a sedative cocktail, which left them unconscious for hours, and stole their property.

Noble at first denied administering stupefying drugs to five women and one man, theft, forgery and attempting to obtain property by deception.

The offences took place in Weston-super-Mare, Eastbourne, Southend, London and Woking. Discharging the jury, the judge said: "This has come as something of a surprise to you. You may think there can be no more convincing evidence of guilt than in such formal surroundings as a court a person should change his plea."

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Fowler firm on management philosophy

HEALTH SERVICE

The Government had no intention of turning its back on the general management concept in the NHS, which was in the interests of the health service, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said when making a statement on the resignation of Mr Victor Paige from the chairmanship of the NHS Management Board.

Mr Fowler said he had appointed Mr Len Peach, the board's director of personnel on secondment from IBM, as acting chairman of the board. I shall (he said) make a substantive appointment as soon as possible.

The Government remains fully committed to better management of the NHS. I have every confidence that under the leadership of the Management Board health authorities and their general managers will continue to ensure that more and better care is provided for patients and the best value for money is obtained.

Very substantial improvements had already been made in the efficient management of the NHS.

Mr Paige (he went on) resigned his intention to discuss with me and we agreed that it would be right for him to stand down.

Mr Dobson: Will he now tell the House precisely why Mr Paige gave up his £70,000 a year job in mid-contraction? Did he jump or was he pushed? Or was he pressing for too many cuts or pressing for too few cuts?

Is it not true that three similar previous appointments have resigned as district managers in the past three months, three out of 23 outsiders. Is it not true that the business genius he appointed as head of the debate into the value for money into the NHS has just gone bankrupt to the tune of £300,000?

Does he agree his policy is wrong or is it just he is a bad judge of people? Will he make sure the new person actually uses the NHS rather than relying on the private sector?

Mr Fowler: Mr Paige set out the reasons in his letter and I do not think it would be much point my trying to interpret further what he said. The question of disagreement on the question of resources. We have 750 general managers in post and two or three have left. I think that shows the confidence in the general management concept.

Mr Paige endorsed the concept of general management himself. Substantial improvements in achievement have already been made - £150 million in cost improvements - and the concept of identifying a single person who is responsible and accountable for ensuring decisions are made and actions are taken is right.

Mr Robert McCormick (Brentwood and Ongar, C): There are few people who would wish to return to the idea of bloated bureaucracy.

Perhaps in the new terms of reference for Mr Paige's successor he should be given even more support if possible in standing up to the vested interests in the NHS who have no interest at all in seeing the NHS run on a commercial basis?

Mr Fowler: There is a great deal of truth, particularly in what he said at the beginning.

The general management concept is accepted in the health service and as the Institute of Health Service Management has said in the last 24 hours general management is beginning to work very well indeed and the

Oil firms told not to panic

ENERGY POLICY

Investment by oil companies now would bring returns over the next 10 or 15 years so they should consider what was likely to happen to the price of oil in that time and not indulge in panic reactions to short-term fluctuations in oil prices, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Commons questions.

Mr Rifkind said he took every opportunity to impress this on the oil companies.

He was replying to Mr Alex Pollock (Mersey, C) who had asked him to be in mind in his discussions with delegations from the General Council of the Scottish TUC on June 20 the

problem of the oil rig construction yards in Scotland. Parliament would Mr Rifkind do all he could to ensure an even and fair distribution of work among the various yards competing in Scotland at this anxious time?

Mr James Hamilton (Glasgow, North, Lab) spoke of the recent local election results and said these showed that the Scottish people did not want any part of the Government's policy. Mr Rifkind should align himself with Cabinet members who wanted a change of policy.

Mr Rifkind said he doubted if the STUC would want to discuss local election results and local opinion polls. The Government had made an important contribution to job creation in Mr Hamilton's constituency.

Mr Alex Eastle (Midlothian, Lab) said that in some Scottish pits, coal production was going down. When did Mr Rifkind's department authorize the South of Scotland Electricity Board to put the Scottish mining industry in peril?

Mr Rifkind said the board acted under statutory power and determined what was appropriate in the consumers' interest. It did not need authorization from the Scottish Office for decisions.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that if Mr Rifkind was concerned about public spending levels, would he give a guarantee to the STUC that the Scottish Office budget would not be affected by the rather primitive and much-advertised approach to the STUC?

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Channel Tunnel process approved

HYBRID BILL

The Government procedural motion to enable the Channel Tunnel Bill to go forward with opponents having until June 19 petitioned against it, if it received its second reading tomorrow (Thursday) was carried in the Commons early today (Wednesday) by 283 votes to 87 - Government majority, 196.

The Bill is hybrid, as construction of the tunnel is not only a matter of general public interest but will also affect private rights. Because of this, it has to comply with a special procedure set out in standing orders.

The motion carried by the Commons enables these standing orders to be set aside and Mr John Biffes, Leader of the House, explained that the main problem arose over timing and dates by which certain procedures had to be observed.

Some Kent MPs expressed misgivings about the motion. One of the most outspoken was Mr Jonathan Aitken (South Thanet, C), who said that he would vote against the motion, which sought to short-change the people of Kent and to deny them the fair play they had sought since the Government had launched this rash venture.

Such an obvious piece of sharp practice was designed to keep individual objections down to a minimum. To refuse further time would damage the reputation of Parliament and anger the people of Kent and other petitioners.

In any case, what procedural time the Government gained on the Commons swing it would lose on the House of Lords roundabout.

Mr Robert Hughes, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said the Government should have taken the advice of the Opposition and held a public inquiry when the Channel Tunnel project was first proposed.

The problem, he said, was that the Government suffered from a 130 majority. Because of its 130 majority in the Commons it did not have to think through its policies or their consequences. It did not even have to take account of the procedures of the House.

The Government should think again and provide a reasonable period of time for discussion. If it did so there would be no need to suspend standing orders.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said the Government's handling of the matter compared favourably with the situation under normal procedures.

It had allowed 21 weeks from the announcement to the time for closure of petitions, whereas nine weeks was usual. Looking at it dispassionately, it was clear that petitioners had not been disadvantaged.

The Government did have sympathy with those seeking to extend the time for petitions to be submitted.

Moves to prevent outbreak of Legionnaires disease

HOSPITAL INQUIRY

The first inquiry report into the outbreak of Legionnaires disease at Stafford General Hospital in April 1985 had concluded that the outbreak could not be attributed to any single factor. It was a combination of circumstances which appeared to have contributed to it, Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, told the Commons in a statement.

He announced moves to try to reduce the risk of a repetition of the outbreak which was traced to the hospital air conditioning system and killed 28 people.

He said the report stated that the circumstances included defects in design and construction of engineering services, lack of knowledge of the sophisticated engineering plant and shortcomings in maintenance. The report also pointed to the inherent difficulty on present knowledge of eliminating the Legionella bacillus in water spray cooling towers used for air conditioning.

He was asking the West Midlands Regional Health Authority and the Mid Staffordshire DHA to report within three months on follow up action they were taking on the recommendation for a review of the health authority's microbiological services in Stafford.

Health authorities were being asked to check for features similar to those found at Stafford. The recommended code of practice for hospital engineers should be available by about the end of the year.

The committee of experts called for by the committee to consider all aspects of the use of biocides to minimise build up of Legionella would be chaired by Dr A. E. Wright, Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service Newcastle Laboratory and would start work soon.

The inquiry's conclusions would reinforce the commitment to new systems for new hospital buildings.

The inquiry would now make recommendations on action to

All-night riddle of X-factor

GAS BILL

Tuesday's sifting of the House of Lords continued until 9.29 this evening while peers discussed in detail the proposals in the Gas Bill. It was their fifth day of consideration of the Bill in committee.

The Bill provides for the privatization of the gas industry. During the course of the night, Lord Belstead, the Government spokesman, said the riddle of the X-factor had to remain a mystery for the time being.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab), for the Opposition, had asked whether the new method of determining gas prices - the X-factor - represented the efficiency obtained by gas suppliers as part of the mathematical formula for determining prices.

The Government had not so far arrived at a figure, he said, and it was unlikely such a figure would be available before the report stage of the Bill.

He said his amendment would provide the answer for the Government. The X-factor would be arrived at in consultation with the supplier, the Gas Consumers' Council and the trade unions in the industry.

I am bothered about this efficiency factor (he said) because I have a suspicion it is all being held up until after the prospectuses have been issued and the issue has been made. Can I have a categorical assurance that the X-factor is not being postponed for purely flotation reasons?

Lord Belstead said he could not accept the idea of supplementary discussions to decide the X-factor.

I am horrified (he said) at the thought of the amount of beer and sandwiches that would be consumed before such parties could be held.

The X-factor figure would be set well ahead of the flotation, since before the sale of shares the whole regulatory arrangements would have to be set up.

Lord Bruce of Donington said a few of the assurance he would withdraw his amendment.

The debate was adjourned after some 16 hours of debate covering more than 70 of the remaining 201 amendments proposed to the Bill.

The report stage will be continued tomorrow (Thursday).

Compensation for victims of road accidents

The concept of no fault liability should be introduced into the law so that victims of road traffic accidents could get compensation for their injuries without having to prove negligence, Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab) said in the Commons when successfully seeking leave to introduce a Bill for that purpose.

The existing system was antiquated, ridiculous, unduly slow and expensive, he added, and a form of legal lottery. It denied compensation to most and ensured that most of those who did get compensation had to wait a very long time for it. One way of financing the aims of the Bill would be to add something to motor insurance premiums.

The Bill was read a first time.

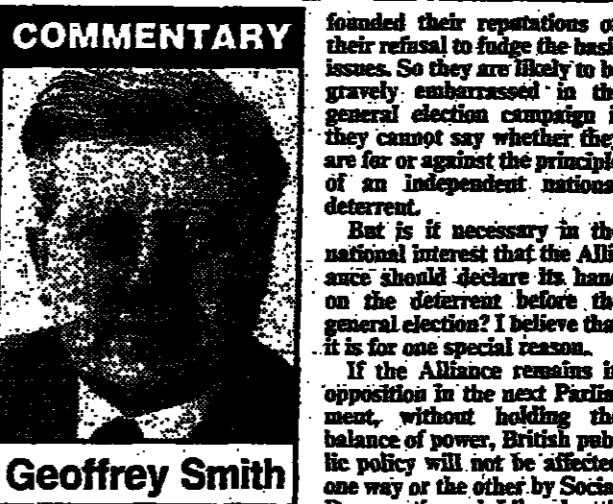
Ombudsman to check on building societies

The first compulsory ombudsman scheme in the private sector will be set up for building societies, Sir George Young, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said when he moved a new clause to the Building Societies Bill to establish the scheme.

He was speaking during the report stage of the Bill which allows the societies to widen the scope of their activities and establishes a building society commission.

He said that the clause gave effect to an undertaking to obligate societies to belong to such a scheme in relation to certain activities.

The Building Societies Association had been planning such a scheme. The clause set out the criteria for the scheme which would apply to savings accounts, whether share or deposit; services relating to the handling of money and all lending.



Geoffrey Smith

The tortured efforts of Liberals and Social Democrats to work out an agreed defence policy will reach a particularly delicate stage today. At a special meeting of their joint commission two of the Social Democratic members, Mr John Cartwright and Mr James Wellbeloved, will ask for a letter of explanation from them to be published with the report.

That letter seems bound to be taken as a note of reservation, virtually of dissent, from the proposal that the Alliance should delay a decision as to whether there should be a successor to Polaris as Britain's independent national deterrent.

Mr Cartwright and Mr Wellbeloved are in effect taking the same position as Dr David Owen did at the recent Social Democratic Council in Southampton: that the Alliance must take a stand on the issue before the general election and that it should commit itself to the principle of an independent deterrent.

The Alliance seems to be presented with a choice between two positions. The joint commission is expected to recommend that it should reject Trident and decide later whether any other successor to Polaris would be acceptable. Dr Owen and his supporters believe that the Alliance should commit itself to the principle of an independent deterrent and decide later which successor to Polaris would be best.

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Pledges must be made to stick

All the pressures in such discussions will be to weaken not to strengthen commitments already made. Only the defence pledges that the Alliance made in the election would have any chance of becoming a condition for a deal after the election.

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Refusal to fudge is basic issue

That line has been criticized by many Social Democrats as well as by Liberals. How can the Alliance be held together, it is asked, unless both parties are prepared to compromise by taking account of the convictions of the other?

When there is a fundamental division as to whether there should be a national deterrent after the lifetime of Polaris, how can any accommodation be found except by agreeing not to push the issue until the Alliance is in government and forced to choose?

Those are not trivial objections. If the absolute priority is to preserve the Alliance in good working order then Dr Owen's critics are right. But a political party will not command public confidence if it always puts its own internal cohesion above the national interest.

The Alliance leaders have

Peer's fear for legal aid

attitude by everyone concerned in the legal process if that process was to be brought up-to-date.

The present system of negotiation had the defects. First, it was delegated to officials at too low a level; second, they did not have the power of decision and were puppets dancing to strings held by the Treasury behind the curtain and third, they did not have the basic up-to-date evidence in front of them on which fair judgments could be made.

These factors were a certain recipe for failure and so it had proved in practice. A review board would be empowered to set remuneration under the legal aid scheme was inadequate.

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HOUSE OF LORDS

The legal aid system was in danger of becoming a second class service, he said, if it was to be brought up to the citizen and the legal profession, Lord Bessons (Ind) said in the House of Lords.

He was opening a debate on the provision for criminal legal aid and the need to consider ways of improving the machinery for negotiating levels of remuneration in future.

Lord Bessons, who was chairman of the royal commission on legal services in 1979, said remuneration under the legal aid scheme was inadequate.

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and safety and economic consequences of the commissioning of that power station could be properly considered.

Mr Rifkind: The Government is in no haste to do anything. In the next 30 years there has not been a single significant incident anywhere in the United Kingdom to endanger the health or life of the public. Mr Robertson advocated the construction of the new nuclear power stations when he first sought to become an MP and it seems somewhat odd that he is now trying to pretend that he has different views.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab): Chernobyl has

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Judges concerned over early parole for short-term prisoners

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Concern about the operation of parole for prisoners serving shorter sentences has been expressed by crown court judges.

The annual report of the Parole Board, issued yesterday, says the judges were finding it hard to accept that a majority of offenders sentenced to between 10 and 18 months imprisonment were being released after six months, irrespective of the differential length in the sentence imposed by the crown court.

Representatives of the judiciary and the Home Office are discussing issues raised by the release on parole under the Criminal Justice Act 1982 of prisoners serving less than two years' imprisonment.

The much shorter minimum qualifying period and the fact that a larger proportion of prisoners are being released on parole has thrown into relief rules governing the counting of pre-trial custodial remand time against sentence, the report says.

Such time counts towards a subsequent custodial sentence, attracting remission, but not towards the minimum

qualifying period for parole. How much time is spent on remand may often be an important determinant, therefore, of the relative periods in custody by inmates receiving medium-term sentences.

The report cites the criticism that although the failure rate, measured by recalls, has been low, the consideration by local review committees of prisoners serving less than two years is based on information that is often inadequate. Moreover, there is a risk of parole being regarded as automatic other than in cases of bad prison behaviour.

Nevertheless, about one in four such applications considered by local review committees in 1984 and 1985 was not regarded as suitable for release, the report says.

The controversy arises as a result of an order under section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 which reduced the minimum qualifying period for parole from 12 months to six months from July 1, 1984. The overriding requirement to serve one third of the sentence, if it is longer than six months, remained unaltered.

Since the Home Secretary has directed that cases will qualify for review only if, when paroled, a minimum of one month on parole would be available, the reduction in the minimum qualifying period for parole had the effect of cutting the lowest eligible sentence for parole from about 19½ months to about 10½ months.

Lord Windlesham, chairman of the board, told a press conference that delays in parole decisions were caused by the Home Office preparing and processing information on cases to come before them.

"We are getting a lot of cases that are coming to us considerably later than would otherwise be the case."

The report says that during 1985 a total of 803 prisoners serving determinate sentences were recalled to prison during their parole period and had their licences revoked. That represents about 5.6 per cent of those finally recommended for parole in 1985, compared with 4.3 per cent in 1984.

Academic appraisal backed

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

University and polytechnic lecturers should have their performances appraised in the same way as teachers to ensure higher educational standards, Mr George Walden, Minister responsible for higher education, said yesterday.

In the first speech by a Minister on the appraisal of academic teaching and research, Mr Walden said that it would involve classroom assessment and possibly appraisal by students of their lecturers.

"There is no question but that appraisal of teachers must focus on their capability as lecturers, their classroom performance. And this must involve classroom observation."

"Sensitivity, and perhaps some ingenuity, will be required to develop arrangements enabling the appraiser to make informed judgements about classroom performance, without intimidating the sub-

ject or upsetting the audience. Some sort of civilized, gentlemanly, overt system of espionage by consent will have to be devised."

Addressing a conference at Teesside Polytechnic, Mr Walden said that it was not the Government's intention to tie appraisal to pay levels. But he said: "In the last resort, where all remedial measures have failed, the findings should inform dismissal procedures."

His speech revealed government determination to continue the campaign for higher standards and more rigorous procedures in education. Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, told the universities last month that the Government would not stop "nagging" them.

Mr Walden said that the Government had no fixed view on how appraisal should be carried out, but he expected

that it would be performed by the subject's immediate superior, as it was elsewhere. Other types of appraisal would include peer review (for scholars) and possibly staff appraising their heads of department and students appraising their lecturers.

Mr Walden said that the most important characteristic for effective appraisal was candour. "Giving praise is easy, and proper, where it is due. But effective appraisal must also involve criticism, positively expressed." Objectivity was important, as was familiarity with the subject's work.

There was also a danger of fostering safe rather than imaginative performance. "I wonder how Einstein would have fared under a staff appraisal system. As is well known, he did not do too well under the school examination system used at the time."



Success in the family

Fifteen members of Ivy Smith's family have helped the painter, print-maker and part-time lecturer at Norwich Art School to win the £8,000 John Player Portrait Award.

They are the subjects of the 78 in by 99 in oil canvas, "Golden Wedding", which also won her a £2,000 commission to paint a well-known sister for the National Portrait Gallery's contemporary collection.

Miss Smith, aged 40, from Aylmerton,

Norfolk, was educated at the Chelsea School of Art and the Royal Academy Schools. She won third prize in the 1981 awards and was specially commended in 1983 and 1985.

The second prize of £1,000 was won by Arthur Neal, of Deal, Kent, for his portrait of Dan Backhouse, a friend and former teacher. Terence Wilson Fletcher, of Hampstead, north London, won the £500 third prize for a portrait of a friend, Olivia (Photograph: Dod Miller).

EEC plea to protect landscape

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Environmentalists yesterday called for reforms to EEC farm prices to prevent further damage to the countryside.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England said that countryside campaigners were tired of waiting for EEC governments to reduce farm prices and institute agricultural policy to protect the environment.

Mr Robin Grove-White, the council director, told the 12 EEC farm ministers in a letter that the most they ever seemed to do was "the annual shoring-up of the crumbling policy."

The council joined the World Wildlife Fund and the Institute for European Environmental Policy in threatening to seek the dismantling of EEC farm policy rather than its reform.

Mr Grove-White said that EEC ministers had failed to set policies which fitted the needs of the countryside. "The policy may now be too inflexible to change," he said.

£1,344 prize for editors

A prize of £1,344 awaits the editor of a provincial evening newspaper winning this year's Samuel Storey Editorial Award, sponsored by Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, it was announced yesterday.

Entrants must submit a copy of their newspaper published in April or May 1986, containing an item which they have written. They must also submit copies of two leading articles which they wrote and which were published during the 12 months preceding May 1986.

Dora Russell funeral date

The funeral service for Mrs Dora Russell, who was aged 92, the peace and women's rights campaigner — and second wife of the philosopher, Bertrand Russell, will take place at Penmoult Crematorium, Truro, Cornwall, next Tuesday, at 3 pm.

At her request, Mrs Russell's ashes will be scattered in the garden at Carns Voe, near Portcharno, where she had lived since the 1920s.

Council buys 'theme park'

Britannia Theme Park near Shipley, Derbyshire, has been bought by Derbyshire County Council in a £2.5 million agreement, and a commercial partner is to be sought to run it.

The park was developed on land leased by the council in 1981 to KLF (UK), a company based in Bournemouth, which went into receivership last year.

Peer's son is found dead

Christopher Addington, aged 45, the son of Lord Sidmouth, was found dead in his fumed-filled Volvo car at Stonesheld, Oxfordshire, yesterday, six weeks after his wife Clio's death in April. He had been missing from his home in Oxford for two days.

Vigil on birds

Hundreds of bird watchers are maintaining a vigil at Clumber Park, near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, where fledglings have been hatched by a pair of rare, grey spotted woodpeckers.

BR 'has not got there' says survey

By Robin Young

British Rail have not got there yet, according to a survey reported in the Consumers Association magazine, *Which?*

Only a third of 494 commuters from a sample of 50 stations in London and the South-east thought that the punctuality of their trains was good. Two-fifths of them spontaneously complained about the irregular service and delays.

Almost a third of Inter-City travellers found the fares system confusing, and said they would like to see improved information about the types and costs of tickets.

Which? says that the system is not fully understood even by British Rail staff because of 200 calls to its telephone inquiry bureaux, only half got a full answer. One fifth of the callers were given wrong or incomplete information about the cost of their journey, with widespread confusion about Sever tickets and their validity, while in some cases inaccurate departure times and route information were given.

One third of the calls to the bureaux took longer to be answered than British Rail's target time of 30 seconds, with two callers having to hold on for more than five minutes before their call was answered.

Two fifths of commuters complained of lack of seats and cramped standing room on their morning trains. There were also grumbles about the state of commuter stations, and the lack of cleanliness on the trains.

One third of more than 300 Inter-City travellers questioned thought that food and drink was not as widely available on trains as necessary. Only one in eight thought that when it was available it was of very good quality, while two-thirds thought it expensive.

British Rail said that it was encouraged by some of the *Which?* findings, which rated Inter-City service "quite good overall" and the commuter service "adequate", and added that it was already taking action to improve standards in relation to many of the criticisms raised.

In the same issue, *Which?* reports on air fares in Europe and says that it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that consumers are being "horribly overcharged".

Court told of rules governing dog fights

Rules of the illegal sport of dogfighting were explained at the trial of five men at Redridge Magistrates' Court, east London, yesterday.

Mr Kevin Degenhard, a chief inspector for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the rules, known as the Armitage rules, were based closely on the rules of cockfighting.

Lines marked at diagonal corners of the ring and a line in the middle were known as "scratch marks", he said.

"The idea is to hold each dog back behind the scratch marks. The first dog has to cross the corner scratch mark, then cross the mark in the middle to get to the other dog. This shows its willingness to fight and the other dog is released."

"If the first dog does not come up to scratch, that is, it does not cross the scratch mark, this indicates submissiveness and the other is automatically the winner."

Mr Degenhard said that carpet taken from the alleged scene of dog fights at Aldersbrook Primary School, Wanstead, east London, had lines of masking tape to indicate scratch marks.

He said the length of a dog fight varied. "If a dog is not fully fit, then another, aggressive, fit dog makes short work of it very quickly."

He told the court that he had found a Staffordshire bull terrier, an English bull terrier and an American pit bull terrier in the garden of the school caretaker's premises. He had also found harnesses, weighing scales and a treadmill used for exercising dogs.

The caretaker, Alexander Funk, aged 29, of Leytonstone, east London, and four other men, have been charged with illegal dogfighting.

Mrs Shirley Crouch, the school headmistress, told the court that she had found "tiny splashes of what could have been blood" on one wall of the school swimming pool.

The case continues today.

£5.5m bypass

A £5.5 million bypass for Martlesham, Suffolk, on the A12, was announced by the Department of Transport yesterday. Work on the 1.8 mile bypass begins next month.

London is told of rabies risk

London must remain alert to the threat of rabies and keep a vigilant watch for mammals brought into the city illegally, the chief veterinary officer for London said yesterday.

At a seminar on rabies, Mr Geoff Wiggins told animal health inspectors from 12 London boroughs what measures to take if an outbreak were discovered.

"Although we have not had a case of rabies in London during the last 10 years, it is very important to be prepared because it is a terrible disease that kills 15,000 people around the world every year," he said.

In an outbreak, strays would be destroyed if uncollected after three days and pet owners would have to muzzle their animals and keep them inside, he said.

Last year 19,000 cases of rabies were reported in France. Health inspectors are concerned that the proposed Channel tunnel will bring more visitors from Europe and so increase the risk of a rabies outbreak.

The disease has spread across Europe, mainly by foxes. Mr Wiggins said that about 100 illegally imported pets were brought into Britain every year.

Boy killed brother in gun accident

Stuart Brown, aged 14, told an inquest yesterday how he shot his elder brother, Steven, aged 16, dead with a shotgun they both believed was empty.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

The boys were playing snooker with a friend at their home in Yew Tree Lane, Spratton, Northamptonshire, last March, when Stuart picked up a bolt action weapon, and began pointing it at objects in the room.

Moments later it went off in his brother's face at close range, killing him instantly. Steven, a farmworker, died from haemorrhage and shock due to the injury to his skull.

Stuart said that he had previously picked up another gun, and checked it was unloaded by pointing it at the floor, and pulling the trigger. "I then pointed the other gun at things around the room. Then it went bang and Steven fell to the floor," he added.

Dig finds oldest pyres

The earliest known cremation cemetery in Britain has been found on the outskirts of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. The discovery was made by archaeologists excavating a six-acre field in the agricultural belt near the village of Maxey, seven miles north-west of the city.

Funeral pyres preserved in water-borne clay were uncovered, together with fragments of human bone and burial pottery dating back 5,000 years.

The site has produced many artefacts including the oldest piece of string in Britain, curled up in a piece of clay, and almost three feet long, made from vegetable fibres. It is to go to the British Museum for display.

Science report

They were first produced by Dr Roger Tsien, an American post-doctoral student at Cambridge University, in the early 1960s. On binding with calcium, they change their fluorescent characteristics, which can be measured using spectrometry.

How fireflies help research

What have fireflies in common with jellyfish, and why are they both important to research in biomedicine? The answer is bioluminescence, which provides the fire in the firefly and the flash in the flash-light fish.

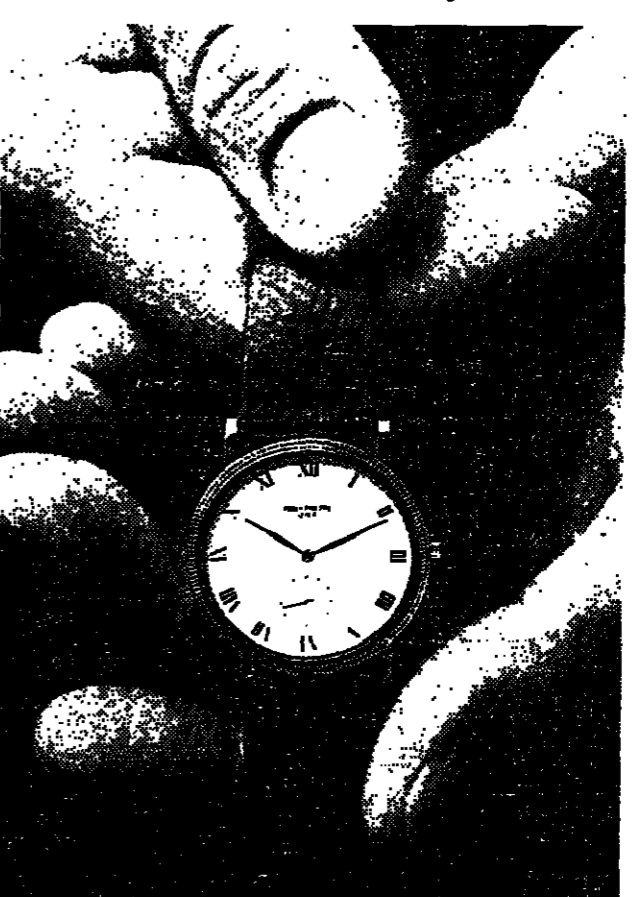
Research on this phenomenon has been documented since 1667, when Boyle discovered that if he deprived luminescent bacteria of oxygen by using a vacuum pump, the light they emitted began to fade. It brightened immediately the oxygen was returned.

Today, the chemical reactions involved in bioluminescence are being used in research on muscle and nerve tissue and in studying the body's immune system.

Luminescence in living organisms is caused when luciferin, a small organic compound, combines with oxygen in the presence of luciferase, a catalytic enzyme, to produce oxyluciferin. This is formed in an "excited state", in order to return to its stable

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Luminescent indicators are also being developed to aid the study of man's immune system. A method of labelling antibodies, using synthesized luminescent molecules known as Acridinium esters, is being perfected at the College of Medicine, University of Wales, Cardiff.

Dr Ian Weeks, a member of the Cardiff team, said: "Once these indicators become fully available, we hope they will replace the use of radioactive isotopes such as iodine 125, as labels in immuno-assay". Luminescent indicators are more sensitive than their radioactive counterparts, according to Dr Weeks. Their emissions can be controlled and concentrated to suit detection, without harming the subject.

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Amal overcomes Sunni militia but PLO battles on in Beirut

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The Shia Muslim Amal militia yesterday rested on the doubtful laurels of a victory which has created new wounds in Beirut and further alienated the comparatively wealthy but minority Sunni population in the west of the city.

The overrunning of the last Sunni militia outpost of the Sixth of February Movement was announced to a background of martial music on the radio station of the Amal movement, apparent proof that the Shia can dominate at least one of their Muslim rivals in the Lebanese capital.

Desultory mortar fire around the three Palestinian camps near the international airport was equal evidence of Amal's inability to conquer its Palestinian enemies, as Mr Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organization guerrillas — fighting on amid the smashed houses of Sabra, Chatila and Bourj el-Barajneh — showed no signs of capitulating.

Indeed, Mr Nabih Berri, the Amal leader, has expressed interest in talking to Mr Arafat about a ceasefire, a desire which has met with no approval from Amal's allies in Syria.

In west Beirut yesterday, reports of looting in Sunni areas by Amal gunmen only added to mutual hostility between the two Muslim communities. Mr Berri again claimed that any of his men found stealing would be summarily executed, a threat which has produced precious few results in the past.

The whereabouts of the leadership of the Sixth of February Movement was unclear yesterday. When Amal gunmen stormed into the party's headquarters near Corniche Mazraa, they found no trace of Mr Chaker Berjawi, the leader of the militia. Nor did they discover any proof that the Sunnis had been acting in concert with the Palestinians in the camps. Mr Arafat's own claims in

Tunis that Amal have been massacring Palestinian civilians lacked some credibility in west Beirut, where reports of a children's home being blasted to the ground by Amal, killing all those inside, proved to be untrue. Yet no one doubts that, as usual, there have been individual murders during the fighting. Most of the Palestinian civilians had in any case long ago fled south or taken refuge in Druze or Sunni areas of west Beirut.

The Muslim sector of the city returned to something approaching normal yesterday, with shops open and a few police Land-Rovers gingerly patrolling the streets.

Amal seems to regard its latest victory as complete, disregarding the complaint of the Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami — who, under the Lebanese constitution, is himself a Sunni — about the cost in civilian lives. At least 45 people died in Tuesday's street fighting.



General Chaovalit Yongchalyuth, right, salutes an honour guard at a ceremony in Bangkok yesterday after taking over as commander-in-chief of the Thai Army from General Arthit Kamlang-ek, left.

Rebel war warning to Aquino by army

From Keith Dallas Manila

The Philippines armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, yesterday warned that the communist insurgency could "retrograde seriously" if the Government of President Corason Aquino failed to stabilize the political and economic situation.

Assessing the first 100 days of the Aquino presidency, General Ramos said the 17-year insurgency remained "under control", but had not improved since the overthrow of February 25 of former President Ferdinand Marcos, now living in exile in Hawaii.

He said 1,040 people had died in the nationwide communist revolt and Muslim secessionist war in the southern Philippines since Mrs Aquino took power.

In the 317 clashes, 375 communist rebels from the New People's Army have died while the Government losses have totalled 258. There were 46 fatalities among the Muslim rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front and 261 civilian deaths. General Ramos said there were fewer battles and casualties than in all of 1985, but government forces had fared worst.

Since Mrs Aquino took power, there has been a daily average of nine "violent incidents" killing an average of 11 people.

Mr Lantry said-off: The Philippine Government has decided to sell some of Mr Marcos's favourite luxuries, including expensive cars, florishing hotels and a palace made mostly of coconuts. (AP reports).



Mrs Aquino: still smiling after 100 days in office.

California gives lead on lawsuits

From Rhoderick Sharp San Francisco

California voters have backed a referendum measure financed by insurance companies which, the companies say, will put an end to "ridiculous lawsuits".

The measure had been compared, because of the controversy it inspired, to the 1976 Property Tax Reform Bill Proposition 13, and it is being suggested that it will have an equally influential impact.

Under existing state law, parties with only a minor responsibility for causing an accident — such as local councils — can still be stuck with almost the entire financial burden because of the inability of others to pay.

The new proposal — while ensuring full restitution of victims' out-of-pocket costs, such as medical bills — limits payment of "non-economic" damages to each party's proportionate liability.

Trial lawyers said it would stop victims getting a fair settlement, and consumers' groups said it was up to insurance companies to put their own houses in order.

Supporters say it will curtail "ridiculous" settlements, like the award of \$1 million to a woman who claimed her psychic powers were sapped by a brain scan.

Official Chinese visit to Britain Hu aims to seal friendship

From A Correspondent, Peking

Mr Hu Yaobang, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, will seek to "set the seal" on China's current "excellent" relations with Britain when he arrives in London on Sunday for a three-day official visit, according to British officials here.

Mr Hu, whose visit to Britain starts a European tour also taking in West Germany, France and Italy between June 12 and 23, will head a delegation of more than 40 officials, among them Mr Li Peng, Deputy Prime Minister, aged 57, China's leading technocrat and a possible successor to Mr Deng Xiaoping, the 81-year-old Chinese leader.

Mr Hu will visit the Foreign Office on Monday and meet Mrs Thatcher at No 10. He will also meet Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, and Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party. Mr Hu and Mr Li are also expected to meet the former Conservative Prime Minister, Mr Edward Heath.

Mr Hu will on Tuesday visit Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford, where he will attend a dinner in his honour hosted by Lord Stockton, Chancellor of

Oxford and former Prime Minister. He will give a lecture the next day at the Royal Institute of International Affairs and attend a lunch given in his honour by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. He is due to leave for Bonn on Thursday.

Sir Richard Evans, Britain's Ambassador to China, flies to London today and accompany Mr Hu at virtually all of his public appearances in Britain.

Mr Li will during the visit confer with Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, and Mr Paul Channon, Secre-

tary of State for Trade and Industry. British officials in Peking say that Sino-British negotiations leading to the signing of the Hong Kong accord on December 19 1984 helped pave the way for a "more intimate" working relationship between the two countries. The Chinese Foreign Ministry in Peking has said only that Mr Hu will discuss matters of "mutual interest" with his British hosts.

Of compelling mutual interest to both sides is China's estimated £90 million trade deficit with Britain. China purchases textiles, including clothes, as well as foodstuffs and light industrial goods from Britain, which buys tea and items like hog bristles from China.

Britain now offers a variety of soft loans and subsidies to the Chinese if they buy British goods. But, in the words of one British official, "the rest is now up to British industry", which currently has about 2 per cent of the Chinese market.

Several weeks ago Mr Zheng Tuobin, China's Minister of Trade, visited Britain to discuss issues such as British joint ventures in China, British technology transfer to China, and increased Sino-British trade links.

Kidnap plea by dying man

From Our Own Correspondent Beirut

Down the crackling telephone line from Batavia in New York state, Mr Richard Anderson's voice sounded tired and weak, a world away from west Beirut yet intimately bound up in events here; a sick man praying he would see his kidnapped brother before he died of cancer.

Terry Anderson, the Associated Press bureau chief in Lebanon, was kidnapped in Beirut 15 months ago, and in February this year his father, Glenn — hoping to the last that he would see his son again before illness overcame him — died of cancer. Then yesterday Mr Richard Anderson was told that he, too, had cancer and heart disease and had not long to live.

The Andersons seem to be a tough family and it showed in Mr Anderson's voice. "I don't want Terry to come home and find both his father and his brother dead," he said down that muffled phone line. "I need to see Terry just one more time before I go. I've made a



Terry Anderson: seized in Beirut 15 months ago.

vow that I won't die until I see him."

All that the family has seen of Terry Anderson since his kidnap by the Muslim Islamic Jihad movement has been a Polaroid colour snapshot and a long, emotional letter from him, talking of the bond of friendship between him and three other captive Americans in Lebanon, a letter that talks of seeing his father and brother Richard again.

In return for their four American captives, Islamic Jihad is demanding the release of 17 prisoners convicted in Kuwait for bombing the

American and French embassies there in 1983.

Typically, Mr Richard Anderson, who is only 46, has just made a video-tape appeal from his hospital bed for his brother's release, a short cassette which he has asked to have broadcast on Lebanese television.

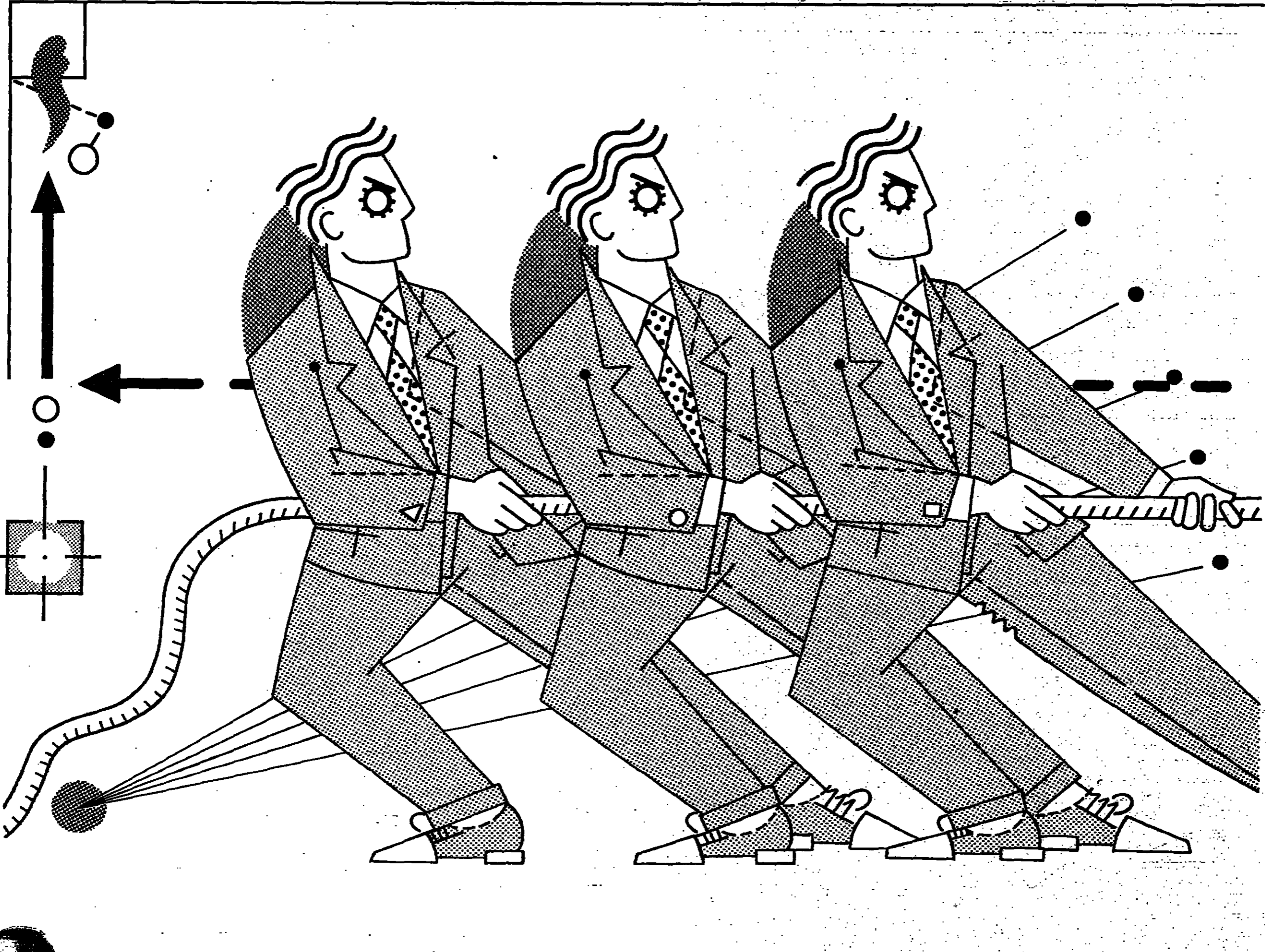
"I've been diagnosed to have cancer, the same as my father," he said. "And my father made a vow that he would hang on and not die until he saw Terry. Unfortunately, the cancer got my father faster than he thought it would."

"But now I'm hanging on and I've got to see Terry before I go. On the video I've made, I've asked the people holding him to send him home to me."

The hospital authorities are sending Mr Anderson back to his home at the weekend because — as he put it bleakly yesterday — "they can do nothing more for me."

"It's hard to believe that both dad and I came down with cancer," he said. "It seems to run in the family. Now I want to see Terry so badly before I die."

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Critical Congress puts pressure on Reagan to observe Salt 2 terms

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As criticism mounts in both parties of President Reagan's renunciation of the Salt 2 arms treaty, Congress has begun to force the Administration to continue observing the treaty terms. At the same time Mr Reagan has warned Congress that any cuts in nuclear modernization or for his Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) would endanger US security.

Legislation has been proposed in both chambers to bar any spending on strategic arms that violates the limits of the treaty. As the Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives, Mr Jim Wright of Texas, the House Democratic majority leader, said the world clearly did not need, and could not afford, a new escalation of the nuclear arms race.

The Senate Democratic minority leader, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, said he might support legislation obliging compliance with the

treaty as an amendment to military spending Bills. The Democratic Senators Edward Kennedy and Albert Gore have already condemned Mr Reagan's move as the worst mistake of his presidency.

Among the Republicans there was also a call to stay within the Salt missile limit. Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, said there was "very strong sentiment" in the Senate on this.

Republican leaders told President Reagan of their concerns at a White House meeting on Tuesday. But some conservatives praised his move as a "master stroke" that would put pressure on the Russians not to violate the Salt agreement.

The threat to withhold funds for strategic modernization will increase Mr Reagan's difficulty in keeping up defence spending in 1987. The White House has also been particularly worried by the

rising tide of opposition to SDI. Two weeks ago 46 senators, including Senator Barry Goldwater, the conservative Republican head of the armed services committee, wrote a letter urging sharp reductions in the SDI programme.

On Tuesday Mr Reagan warned Congress that such cuts would be "the worst way to respond" to Soviet violations. He said in an eight-page message that Congress was on the verge of endangering US security, undercutting the US negotiating position in Geneva and sending the wrong signal to Moscow.

The White House has sent Congress a detailed list of defence cuts it would find acceptable. It gave as "essential" the SDI, the stealth bomber and advanced cruise missiles, the Trident 2 submarine, 50 additional MX missiles and a smaller, mobile intercontinental ballistic missile.

Leader of Swedish opposition quits

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Sweden's non-Socialist Opposition suffered a severe blow yesterday with the sudden and unexpected resignation of Mr Ulf Adelsohn, its Conservative leader.

After five years as party chairman, the 44-year-old sports enthusiast and keen traveller said politics was demanding too much of his time.

"I said when I took the job it wouldn't be forever... it



Mr Adelsohn: politics too demanding of his time.

demands 100 per cent of your time. I can't give that much."

Mr Adelsohn was also known to be disappointed with his poor showing in last year's general election and with his eclipse in public opinion polls by Mr Bengt Westerberg, the Liberal leader.

His most obvious successor is Mr Carl Bildt, aged 36, the party's spokesman on defence and son-in-law of the previous leader, Mr Gösta Bohman.

According to opinion polls, however, the Social Democrats under the Prime Minister, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, have gained in popularity since the February assassination of Mr Olof Palme. They are already firm favourites to win the next election in 1988.

The anti-nuclear power Centre Party, which might have been expected to gain in popularity after the Chernobyl disaster, also suffered a setback with the recent resignation of its leader, Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin.

Kremlin alarm on summit

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin warned yesterday that President Reagan's threat to cease complying with the Salt 2 arms control treaty could sabotage the holding of this year's putative summit in Washington and various arms control negotiations under way in Geneva.

The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Alexander Bessmertnykh, and the Chief of Staff, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, held an angry news conference in which they accused Washington of a deliberate attempt to "whip up" the arms race.

Mr Bessmertnykh accused the Reagan Administration of "doing everything to undermine the possibility of a summit".

If such a summit was to take place, an appropriate political atmosphere and a mutual readiness for practical results was needed.

Religious fury defeats swimsuit poster

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Advertising posters in Israel showing a pretty girl in a swimsuit are to be withdrawn after a campaign by the ultra-orthodox Jewish community.

Israeli police have been working overtime to protect the posters, which threatened to open a deep divide in the country between the rapidly growing ultra-orthodox community and the rest of the population.

Black-coated and long-haired Hassidim with spray cans or matches had been arrested daily, and police courts were sentencing men who spend most of their waking hours studying the Torah and who angrily dispute the right of the state of Israel to exist.

The girl in the swimsuit, part of an advertising campaign, has adorned bus shelters for months. This immediately enraged the ultra-orthodox community, which set about burning down or defacing the bus shelters, causing more than £160,000 damage in Jerusalem alone.

The advertising agency responsible for putting up the posters said yesterday that it would be withdrawing them because it did not want to cause offence.

However, leaders of the ultra-orthodox community said they would be stepping up their campaign against obscene advertising.

Students of the Yeshiva — the religious schools — had been caught vandalizing the advertisements in relatively secular Tel Aviv and its suburbs, and non-religious teenagers had been following the example of the Hassidim.

One student, Mr Haim Gottlieb, was given a second five-month sentence this week and told the court that he regarded himself as waging an all-out war against the country's laws and morals, which



The swimsuit advertising poster in Israel that angered the ultra-orthodox community.

he said were no better than those imposed by the Roman emperor Titus.

He refused to give evidence because "according to the Torah, I cannot give testimony in a court of idol-worshippers."

The anti-swimsuit campaign was apparently led by Rabbi Uri Blau, son of the founder of

the extreme Neturei Karta community, which is particularly strong in Jerusalem's religious stronghold of Mea She'arim. He was arrested for a second time this week, together with nine young followers.

All 10 were said by police to have been caught at midnight on Saturday — after the end of

the Sabbath — solemnly spray-painting the picture.

Since the arrest, the police have found it more difficult than ever to patrol Mea She'arim. Seven officers were injured in stone-throwing incidents on Monday night when they tried to stop the irate orthodox setting fire to dustbins and sealing off roads.

Gorbachov puts atom safety proposals to UN

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

In a message to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has broadened his call for the creation of an international regime to enhance safeguards against nuclear accidents.

Citing the need for prompt notification of accidents or faults at atomic power plants when accompanied by release

of radiation, the Soviet leader said that such a regime "would be aimed at bringing to an absolute minimum a possibility of the peaceful atom causing harm to people".

In an address on Soviet television on May 14 after the disaster at Chernobyl, Mr Gorbachov first mentioned the need for an international system of nuclear safeguards.

He is now suggesting that a system be codified in one or more international conven-

tions, and that bodies such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) be used to strengthen safety in the long run and set up an early notification system in the meantime.

The IAEA could "sponsor international efforts to develop a new generation of economic and reliable reactors with enhanced safety operators compared to the existing reactors".

Mr Gorbachov also emphasized the need for the accord to include stringent measures against nuclear terrorism. He said in Europe there were 10 cases of sabotage of nuclear facilities from 1966 to 1977.

The Soviet Union has been criticized for failing to provide adequate information on the Chernobyl accident, and Western diplomats said Mr Gorbachov's proposal was an attempt to improve Moscow's tarnished image.

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Poll says image of Austria damaged

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Austria's image abroad had been substantially damaged by the furor surrounding Dr Kurt Waldheim's alleged links with Nazi atrocities in the Balkans, according to a Gallup poll published in Vienna yesterday.

The poll investigated attitudes towards Austria in eight West European countries during March and April. At the beginning of March, just before the Waldheim controversy broke, only 39 per cent of press comment in these countries could be interpreted as hostile towards Austria. By the end of April the figure had in some cases risen to 77 per cent.

Herr Fritz Kammersin, a Gallup poll spokesman, said this showed that Austria's image abroad had radically altered.

Most people questioned in March thought of the Austrians as "romantic, friendly and musical". Six weeks later the poll found that these charitable epithets had been replaced by "untrustworthy, incompetent and unintelligent".

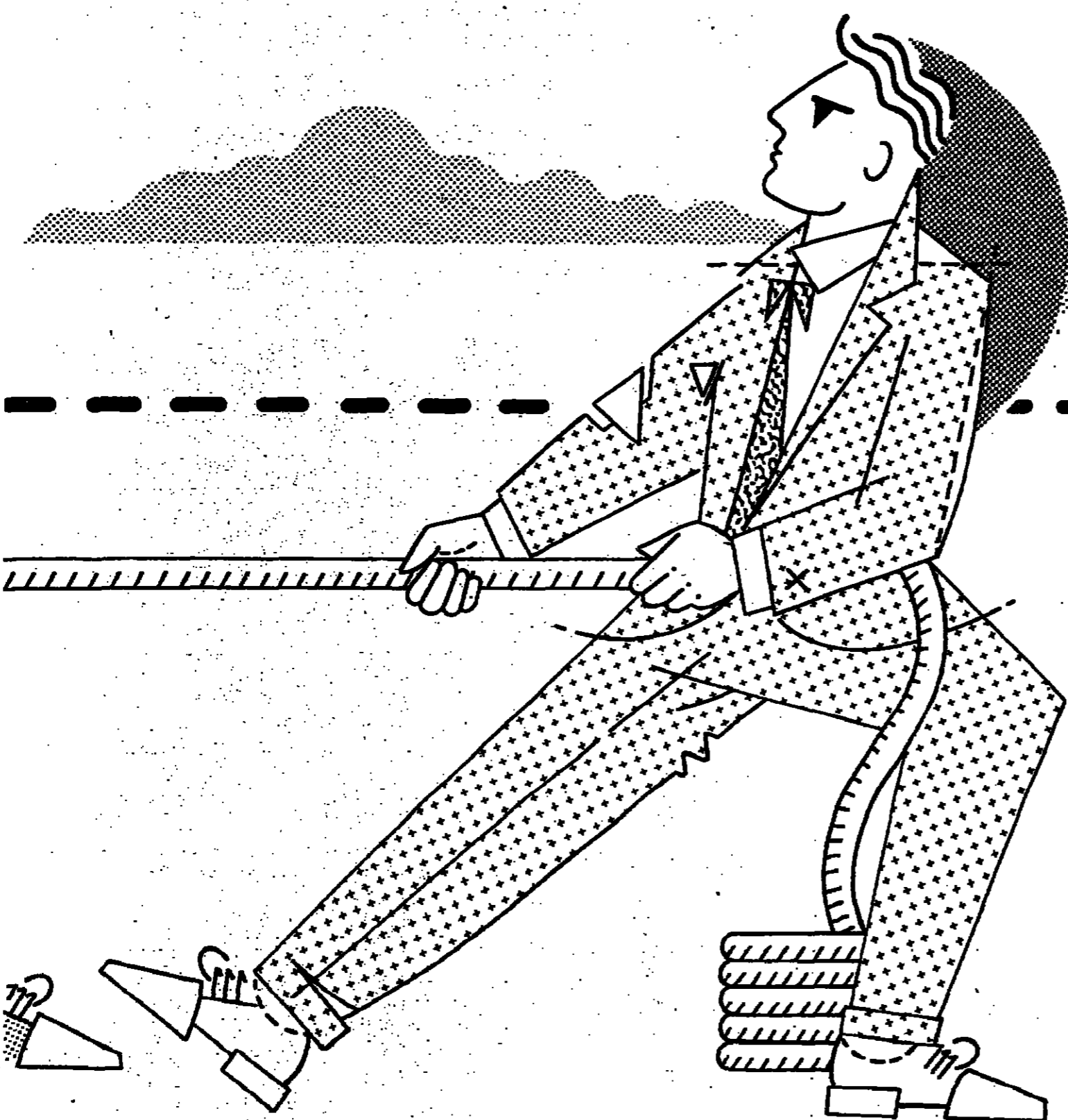
Herr Kammersin saw a direct relationship between this change and the Waldheim controversy. He said that the new image of Austria would severely damage the country's business links.

● BELGRADE: A Yugoslav magazine has claimed that Dr Waldheim spent much longer in Yugoslavia than he admitted, and that throughout the last seven months of the war he was in the headquarters of the Army Group E which, on retreat through Yugoslavia, committed brutal reprisals in Macedonia, Bosnia and Serbia (Dessa Trevisan writes).

Writing in the magazine *Interview*, a Yugoslav journalist involved in research on Dr Waldheim's war experiences in Yugoslavia listed several documents, including one bearing Dr Waldheim's signature and said to prove that Dr Waldheim, if not directly involved in reprisals, was fully aware of them.

● ATHENS: The Justice Minister, Mr Apostolos Kallimachis, has said that Dr Waldheim's name was not included in an official Greek register of 5,000 war criminals, but admitted that the records were incomplete (AP reports).

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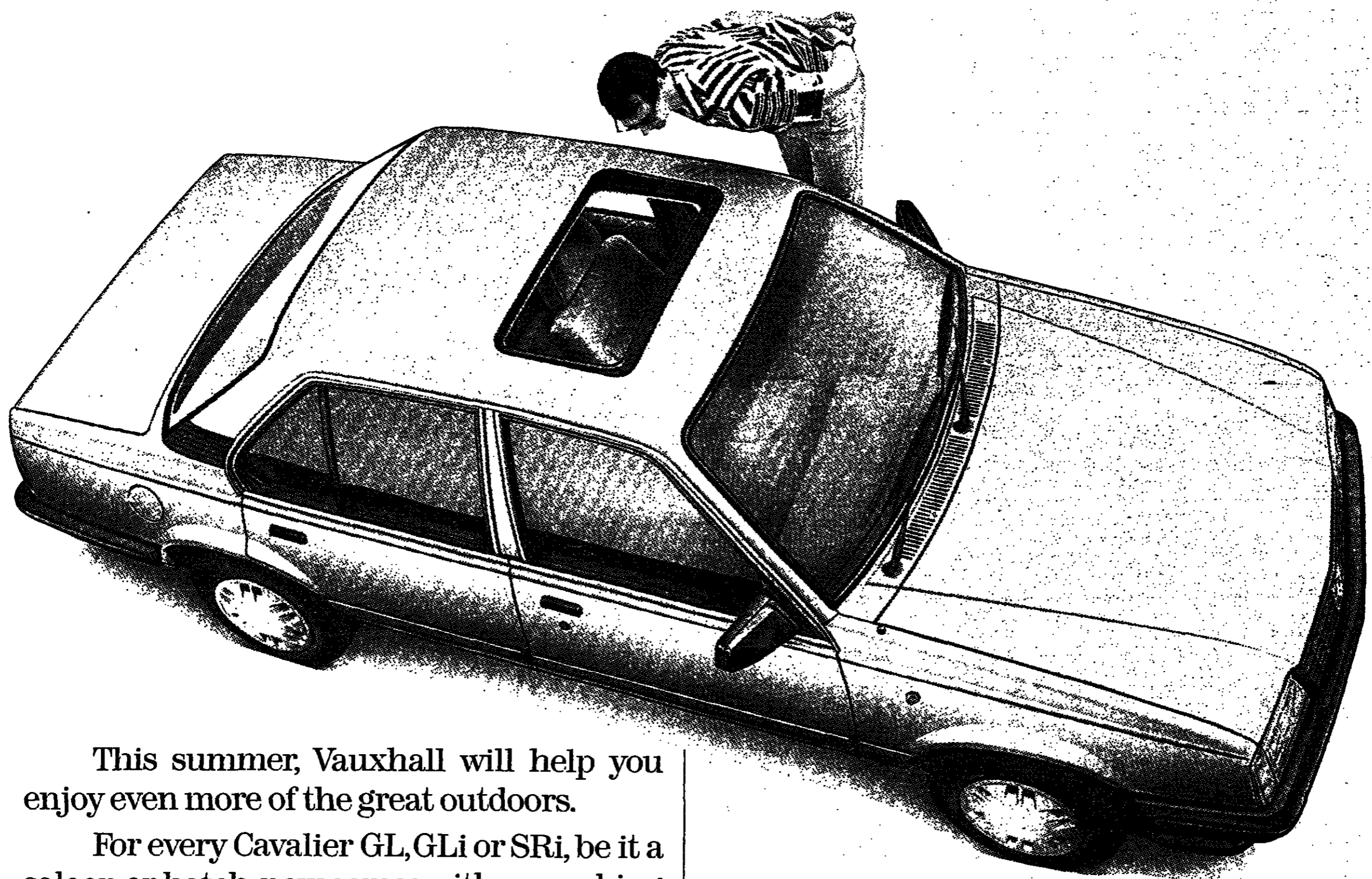
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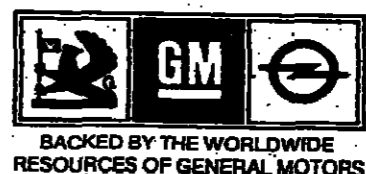
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SMALL BUSINESSES/3

Everything goes, from pop to stripagrams

Mention of the Manpower Services Commission tends to conjure up images of forlorn teenagers plucked briefly from the dole queues to plant trees or to paint murals as part of an official conspiracy to fiddle the unemployment figures...

Precisely because the MSC's rise to being a power in the land is so closely and unfortunately related to unemployment the commission is intimately involved with programmes to create jobs by succouring small businesses.

Its focus is mainly on training would-be owner-managers rather than on providing financial aid. The greatest advantage of all MSC schemes is that they are free.

But the commission does have to ensure that the proposal is suitable for public funding. This effectively rules out religion, gambling and starting your own political party...

invested by venture-capital companies. One obvious disadvantage with EAS, however, is that the allowance runs for a single year only.

At the bottom of the range are one-day awareness seminars, at which the pleasures and pitfalls of small business life are outlined.

This course, which again is very popular, covers such basics as book-keeping, elementary business plans and how to deal with bank managers and other professional advisers.

An expanded version of the course, which can last six weeks, is aimed at people starting small businesses as distinct from being merely self-employed.

Considerably more ambitious is the New Enterprise Programme, intended to help people expecting to employ, say, 10 or a dozen workers within a year of starting a business.

Very similar to the NEP is the Graduate Enterprise Programme which trains graduates straight from higher education rather than the unemployed or people who have given up a job to go on an MSC course.

the principle is the same: to equip businessmen with the elementary skills of commercial survival.

The evidence suggests that the chances of surviving during the risky early days of a company are indeed increased by training such as that offered by the MSC.

For this reason the commission has owner-manager training courses whose purpose is to develop the market-research and selling skills of people already running small firms.

In a similar vein, the MSC has a management extension programme for people who are already running small businesses or working in bigger companies and have ideas on how to promote the enterprise but lack the necessary management skills.

MP

This is a watershed year for local enterprise agencies which in little more than five years have grown from a handful to well over 300. Typically they have been launched with support from local companies, local authorities and other commercial interests such as the banks.

The main expansion phase for the agencies is now over. Virtually all key areas of the country are now covered by an agency which is reasonably near at hand.

Lord Carr, chairman of Business in the Community (BIC), which is the national umbrella body for the enterprise agencies, said recently: "Although many agencies are still in their infancy—and most agencies, even the well established ones, are restricted by lack of cash and staff—they are beginning to make a very significant impact on the rate of business start-ups, business survivals and soundly based job creation."

There are 38 agencies in the greater London area alone with a further 60 in the South East. The North West

The action men who make the new jobs

has grown 57 of them. As well as offering counselling aid, some agencies also take a hand in helping provide start-up premises such as workshops and offices, often with shared services and sympathetic day-to-day advice.

The London Enterprise Agency (LEA) in 1980 was a pioneer of business marriage bureaux which aim to match local investors with entrepreneurs needing risk capital.

Two enterprise agencies are finding small business candidates which could gain from the experimental venture capital scheme backed with £1 million by the Rank Xerox pension fund.



Lord Carr: 'Significant impact'

The two agencies are IENTA, which has so far organized one investment under the scheme, and Tyne and Wear Enterprise Trust (Entrust) based in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Last year Entrust fielded 7,888 enquiries at five offices around the region, with the conversion rate to actual start-ups remaining comparatively low at 4 per cent.

In the first two years there is £2.5 million available which can go to agencies with less than £60,000

funding. Up to £20,000 in Government grant is on offer on a pound-for-pound basis according to how much other cash support can be raised from local backers.

The scheme began operation in April and already 60 applications have come in from agencies around the country.

Mr Trippier believes that the scheme by establishing agencies more firmly, will encourage consolidation of support from local backers.

Already 4,000 companies sponsor enterprise agencies, according to BIC which estimates that the number of sponsors grew by half in 12 months to May last year.

BIC surveys show that the agencies are helping create more than 50,000 jobs a year through start-ups and are helping save another 25,000 jobs in assisting existing small businesses.

More agencies are reacting to special needs in a community. Two recent launches to help ethnic minorities, partly funded by Home Office grants, have been the North London Business Development Agency and Deptford Enterprise Agency.

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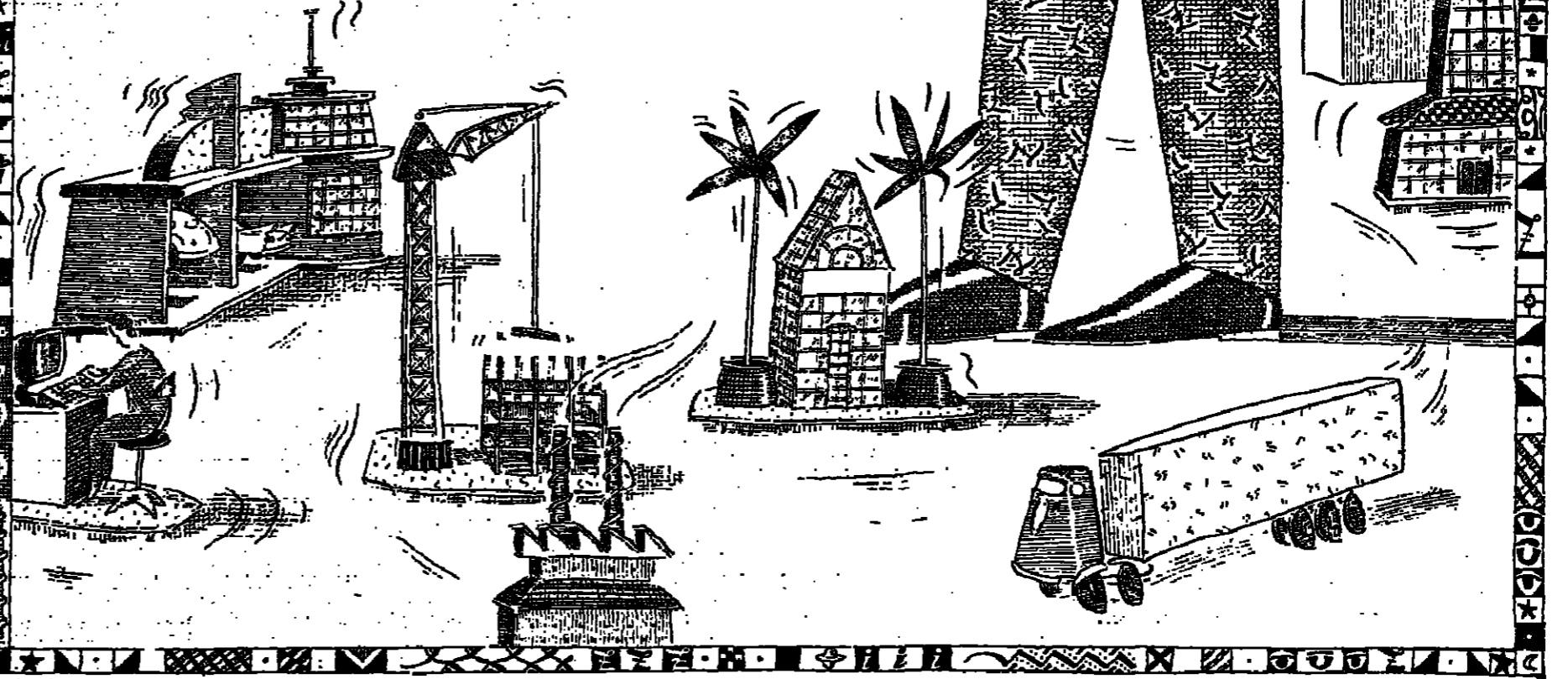
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Borrie hits out over 'almost hysterical merger boom'

By Richard Lander

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, yesterday hit out over what he called 'the frothy and almost hysterical merger boom' that has swept the City over the last six months.

STOCK MARKET

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Mansfield pub sale

Mansfield Brewery is to sell 90 of its 430 outlets, including 78 northern pubs and clubs, for £13 million cash to J W Cameron.

Reed pay-out

Reed International's pretax profits jumped 28 per cent to £137 million for the year to March 31 on turnover down 9 per cent to £1.9 billion.

Tenby offer

Tenby Industries, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BSR International, is coming to the stock market through an offer for sale, which values the company at £19.7 million.

Guthrie listing

Guthrie Corporation, the automotive components and aviation services company, is joining the stock market via an offer for sale by N M Rothschild.

Pru purchase

Prudential Property Services, part of the Prudential Corporation, has joined the league of leading estate agents with the purchase of Smithalls Team, a Leicestershire firm.

Specialists go

Four specialists, including Mr Robert Golding, have left County Bank to help Laing & Cruickshank, part of the Mercantile House group.

Boosey stake

The American Carl Fischer group yesterday raised its stake in Boosey & Hawkes, the long-making music publisher and instrument maker.

Bonn surplus

West Germany had a trade surplus of DM10 billion (£3 billion) and a current account surplus of DM8.5 billion in April.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES. Lists various indices like Dow Jones, Nikkei, and price changes for various stocks.

Table with 2 columns: CURRENCIES, INTEREST RATES. Lists exchange rates for Dollar, ECU and interest rates for Bank Base, Treasury Bills.

Dee buys Shoppers Paradise and Fine Fare for £700m

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Alec Monk's Dee Corporation joined the supermarket super-league yesterday when it agreed to buy the Fine Fare and Shoppers Paradise store chains from Mr Garfield Weston's Associated British Foods group.

C&W puts £67m into sea cable

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

Cable and Wireless, the international telecommunications operator, is to invest \$100 million (£67.2 million) in a new fibre-optic cable between the United States and Japan.

Standard rebuff for Lloyds

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank's £1.2 billion bid for Standard Chartered has so far received the thumbs down from Standard shareholders.

Loan rate hopes grow despite weaker pound

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Money market interest rates fell again yesterday, as hopes persisted of a cut in base rates within the next few days.

Longton faces £13.7m bid by timber firm

By Our City Staff

Thomson T-Line, the loss-making timber merchant, last night launched a £13.7 million bid for Longton Industrial Holdings, the road haulage and property development group.

£4.8m profits herald brighter TV-am day

By Teresa Poole

TV-am, the once troubled independent breakfast television station, yesterday announced a sharp U-turn in trading performance.

Lazard's 'record' £350m vendor-placing for Dee

By Our Banking Correspondent

Lazard's was congratulating itself yesterday on pulling off what it claims is the City's largest vendor-placing - the £350 million deal for Dee Corporation.

Channel: all over bar the Luddite shouting

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Luddites come in all shapes and forms. The latest attempt to halt the march of progress comes from the good people of Kent and their representatives.

TV-am will probably be floated early next month

TV-am's results for the year to January 31, published yesterday, show both the extent of the recovery from early mismanagement and favourable trends in the industry.

TV floats on cue

Thames Television and TV-am are applying the art of scheduling programmes to impressive advantage.

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New York (Agencies) - Share prices slid sharply yesterday from the higher opening following a similar movement in the bond market. Selling plans, related to the futures market, were triggered as bonds declined, causing a quick reaction in shares. The Dow Jones industrial average was 14.40 points lower at 1,856.63, having been as high as 1,876 soon after the opening. Sears led the list of active stocks, down by 1/2 to 46 1/2. IBM fell 2 1/4 to 150 1/4. But insurance issues were strong after a short-term buy recommendation from First Boston was reaffirmed. On Tuesday, the average closed 8.48 points higher at 1,870.43 after late buying pulled the market out of a slump. The number of shares traded on Tuesday fell to 116.9 million from Monday's 120.6 million.

Table with columns for company names (e.g., AMR, Alcatel, Amalgamated) and their share prices. Includes a section for 'CANADIAN PRICES' listing companies like Alcan, Alcan Int'l, and Alcan US.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table showing market rates for various currencies (e.g., New York, London, Hong Kong) and forward rates for different terms (1 month, 3 months, 6 months).

COMMODITIES

Table listing commodity prices for various goods including metals (Copper, Nickel, Zinc), oil (Crude Oil, Heating Oil), and other commodities like Wheat, Soybeans, and Coffee.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates (e.g., 3-month rate, 6-month rate) and gold prices (e.g., Gold 340.75-341.75, Gold 342.25-343.25).

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing investment trusts with columns for company name, price, change, and volume. Includes various equity and bond funds.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table listing London financial futures prices for various instruments like 3-month Sterling, 6-month Sterling, and 12-month Sterling.

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Table of company names and share prices, including categories like CRYSTALLINE, BEVERAGES, DRAPERY STORES, etc.

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BRITISH FUNDS table listing various investment funds and their performance.

SHORTS (Under Five Years) table listing short-term stock investments.

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UNDATED table listing undated stock investments.

INDEX-LINKED table listing index-linked investments.

BREWERIES table listing stock prices for various brewery companies.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS table listing stock prices for building and road-related companies.

FINANCE AND LAND table listing stock prices for finance and land-related companies.

FOODS table listing stock prices for various food companies.

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS table listing stock prices for chemicals and plastics companies.

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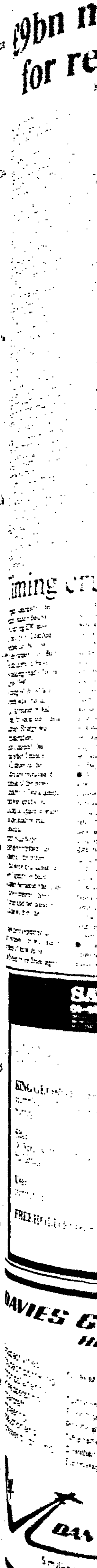
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SHOES AND LEATHER table listing stock prices for shoe and leather companies.

TEXTILES table listing stock prices for textile companies.

TOBACCOES table listing stock prices for tobacco companies.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

June 5, 1986

The phrase "City Revolution" suggests that change is something new to the City. It is not. The City has always pioneered change in the provision of financial services.

past 15 years or so, this process has occurred at a tremendous rate. In particular, accountancy firms of all sizes began to market themselves as "the complete business adviser", thus complementing the more traditional staples of audit and tax.

Accountants are at the hub of the new opportunities being offered by the City Revolution, says Derek Boothman



Several of our firms have now, for example, carved out distinctive niches in the provision of advice for companies wishing to float on the Unlisted Securities Market. Others have developed expertise in effecting management buyouts or in venture capital placings.

change for the accountancy profession relates to the role of the auditor. In three separate, but related, pieces of draft legislation now working their respective ways towards the statute book, new responsibilities will be placed on auditors involved with building societies, banks and other companies providing financial services.

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an opinion on the truth and fairness of the annual financial statements, and to what has gone before rather than what lies ahead. The auditor has no right to comment on management's style or its commercial decisions. Misconceptions about the auditor's function can result in an "expectations gap", and, more important, in inadequate internal control of the company's financial affairs.

matters to supervisors. This relates to the liability which an auditor might face if his judgment proved to be misguided. If, for instance, the auditor reported suspicions to the supervisor which later turned out to be unfounded, the auditor could be sued. The profession has accordingly put proposals to the Government for protection of the auditor where he has acted honestly and professionally. This is extremely important if the auditor is to help the supervisors effectively.

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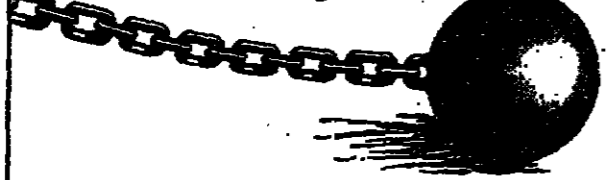
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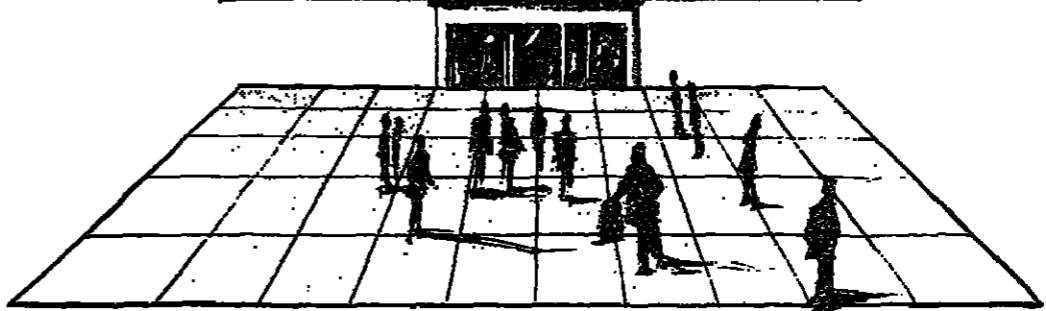
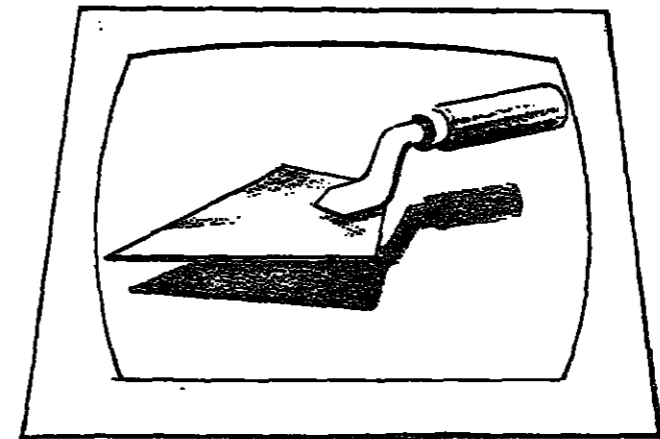
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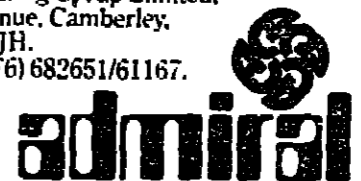
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TENNIS

Counter-punch of Perforf has Becker out on his feet

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Mikael Perforf, aged 22, a Swede who has spent four years studying at the University of Georgia, beat Boris Becker, Wimbledon champion by 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 in the French championships yesterday.

Perforf had an impressive record while playing college tennis in the United States and swiftly rose through the ranks of the international tour. He is unusual, not least...

Yesterday's results: MEN'S SINGLES: Oberreuter (FR) 6-4, 6-3; A. Chesnokov (USSR) 6-3, 6-4; M Perforf (SWE) 6-3, 6-4; G Becker (GER) 6-3, 6-4; 6-2; 6-0...

for the way in which he speaks, clipped English with an accent that borrows something from Sweden and something from the "deep South"...



Making a list of it: Perforf taking a grip against Becker yesterday

being akin to madness is often evident in Leconte. Nobody (certainly not Chesnokov, perhaps not even Leconte) could be sure what he will do next. Leconte is a child of nature...

Yorkshire are kept in check by Hill

By Peter Ball

SHEFFIELD: Derbyshire have scored 200 for nine wickets against Yorkshire. For a county of generally solid virtues, Derbyshire has a surprisingly cosmopolitan taste in cricketers.

Yorkshire were kept in check by Hill. He knew without guessing how he had scored his runs. A Clinton innings is like that, not of course, that he is as good as his left-handed Surrey predecessor.

Patient Clinton gives Surrey a sound foundation

By Ivo Tennant

HINCKLEY: Leicestershire, with 10 first innings wickets in hand, are 241 runs behind Surrey. Surrey, put in to bat and given a firm foundation by Clinton and Stewart, then lost seven wickets for 67 before recovering to total 254.

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Athey on top

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets standing, are 320 runs behind Gloucestershire. Warwickshire won the toss, and put Gloucestershire in, presumably because the pitch looked green, though in fact it played pretty well.

Wright was bowled at 132, by Manton, a young leg-spinner of 20, who was born in Milton Mowbray, and looks capable of cooking a few pies in his time, with his fast medium bowling.

Castle falls before getting a lift

By David Powell

Britain's tennis players are in the American pastime 'spring hot' while spectators gather at the Beckenham tournament this week. Waiting for British success stories can be something akin to the bus queue principle: you wait a long time for one, and when it arrives, another follows swiftly.

Castle falls before getting a lift. Somerset's Andrew Castle tumbled out of the Crownes Plaza £16,000 Northern championships yesterday - but was then given a DAVIS CUP lift by the British tennis manager, Paul Hutchings.

Parker and Wells hit back

By Richard Streeton

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Sussex have scored 117 for four wickets against Kent. Two early wickets for Alderman suggested Sussex would struggle to get past 100 yesterday, when play was finally possible in mid-afternoon.

Parker, especially, looked in good form. He began carefully and was always respectful to Underwood. Slowly, though, the runs started to come, particularly in the second half.

Alfred's day to eat cake

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Alfred's day to eat cake. Bill Cowan, of Canada, means that he will meet either Nidaka Odizor, of Nigeria, or Grant Connell, of Canada, for a place in the quarter-finals.

Wild card slot. The Bulgarian tennis player Manuela Maleeva, No 10 in the women's world rankings, has been given the third wild card place before the Wimbledon round was played.

England place is Hick's first priority

By John Watson

Worcestershire's prolific 20-year-old batsman, has decided not to play for his native county in the forthcoming month's ICC Trophy, Hick, one of the world's outstanding young batsmen, has pulled out of the Zimbabwean squad in order to cooperate with England in qualifying to play for England.

Laker memorial

The memorial service for Jim Laker, the late former England and Surrey off-spinner, will be held at Southwick Cathedral on July 11.

Champion move

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Scottish signing

Dundee United midfielder footballer, Alex Taylor, out of football for the past season because of a dispute with his club, today signed full-time for Scottish Premier Division side Hamilton. The fee may have to be decided by a tribunal.

Muscroft chip of old block

By John Hennessy

all expectation, for he seemed from the start hell-bent on winning out in the country. He won the first two holes and had the third at his mercy, on a two-hole Nicklaus, son of the American Master Gary Wolstenholme, son of Guy, and Richard Muscroft, son of Hedley. All three won second round matches, having received wild cards for the tournament.

Border hits another hundred

By John Hennessy

Allan Border hit his second successive century in the Britannia Assurance county championship on the way to making 100 as Essex's batsmen made Gloucestershire bowlers work hard for their crumbs of comfort at St Helens, Swansea, yesterday. Having chosen to bat, Border soon lost Hardy and Prickett to Moseley, but was not to be the extent of Glamorgan's success for some time to come, as Border and Gladwin settled before laying the foundation to a big score.

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Return trip

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